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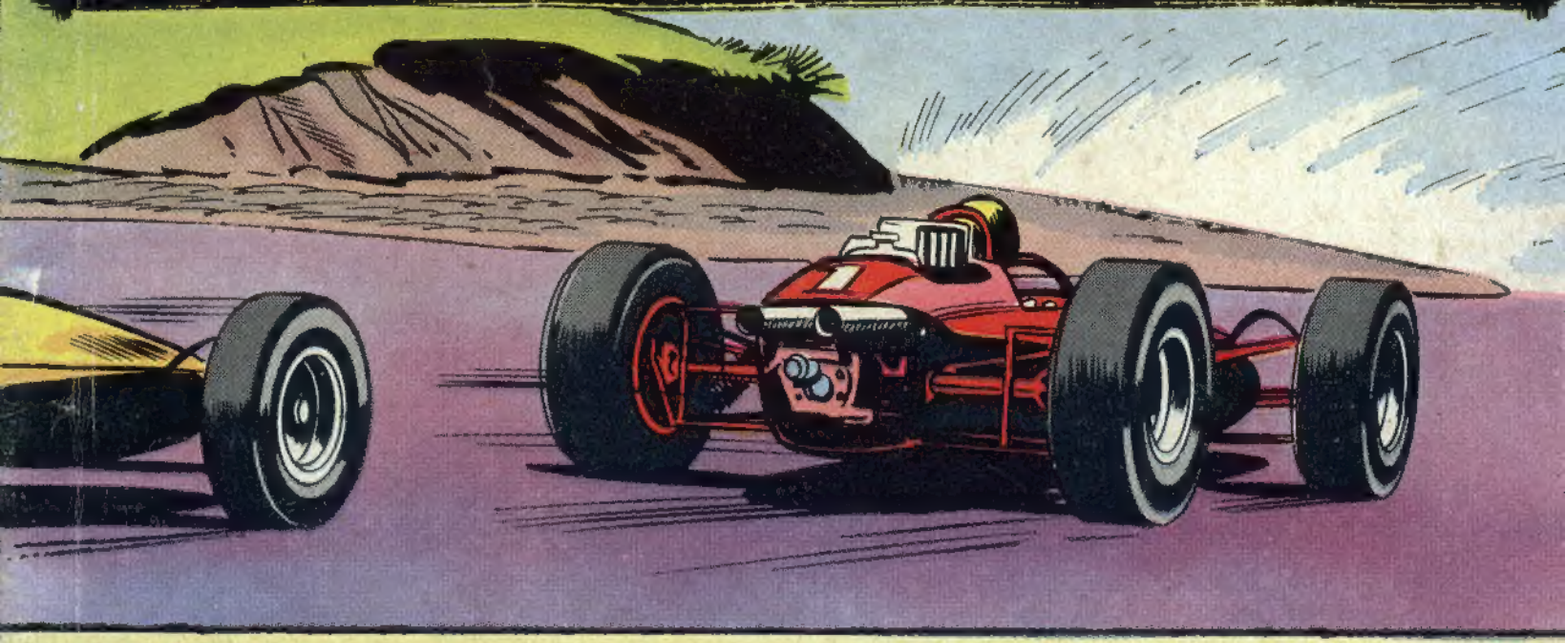

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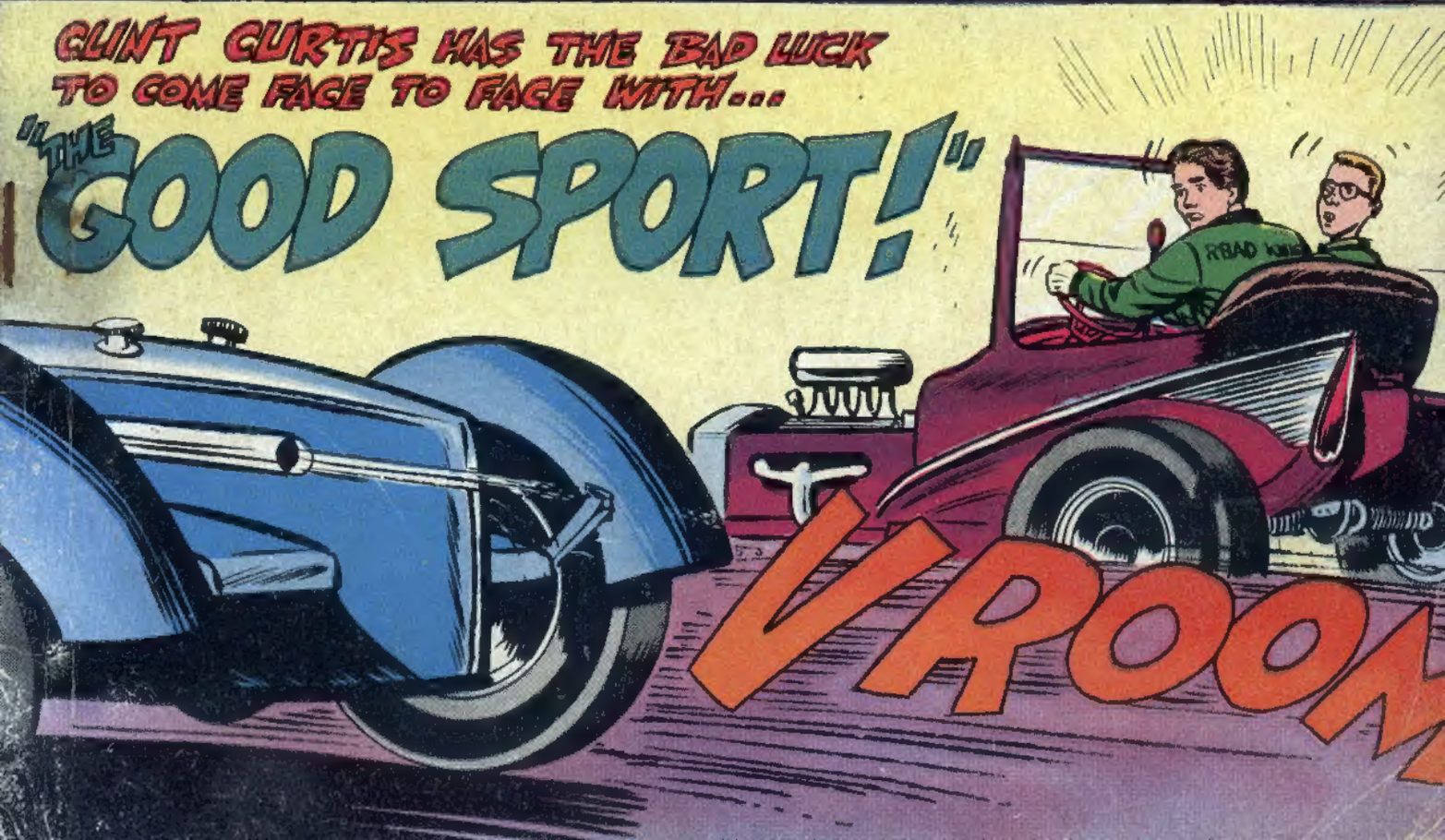

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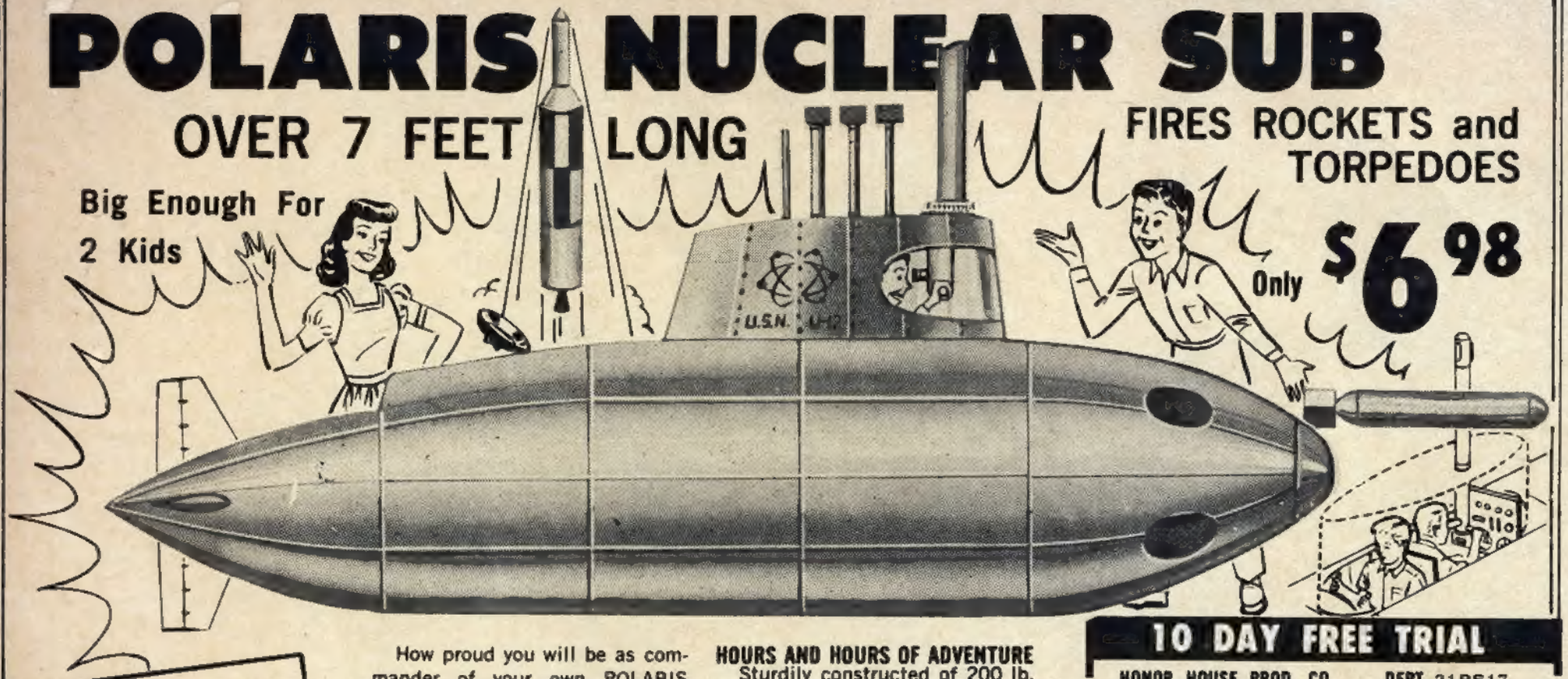

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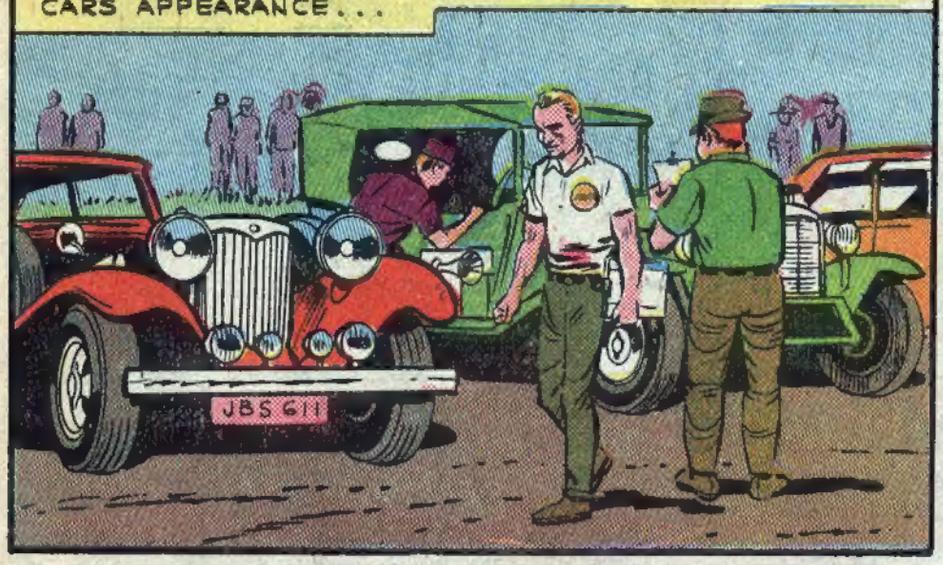
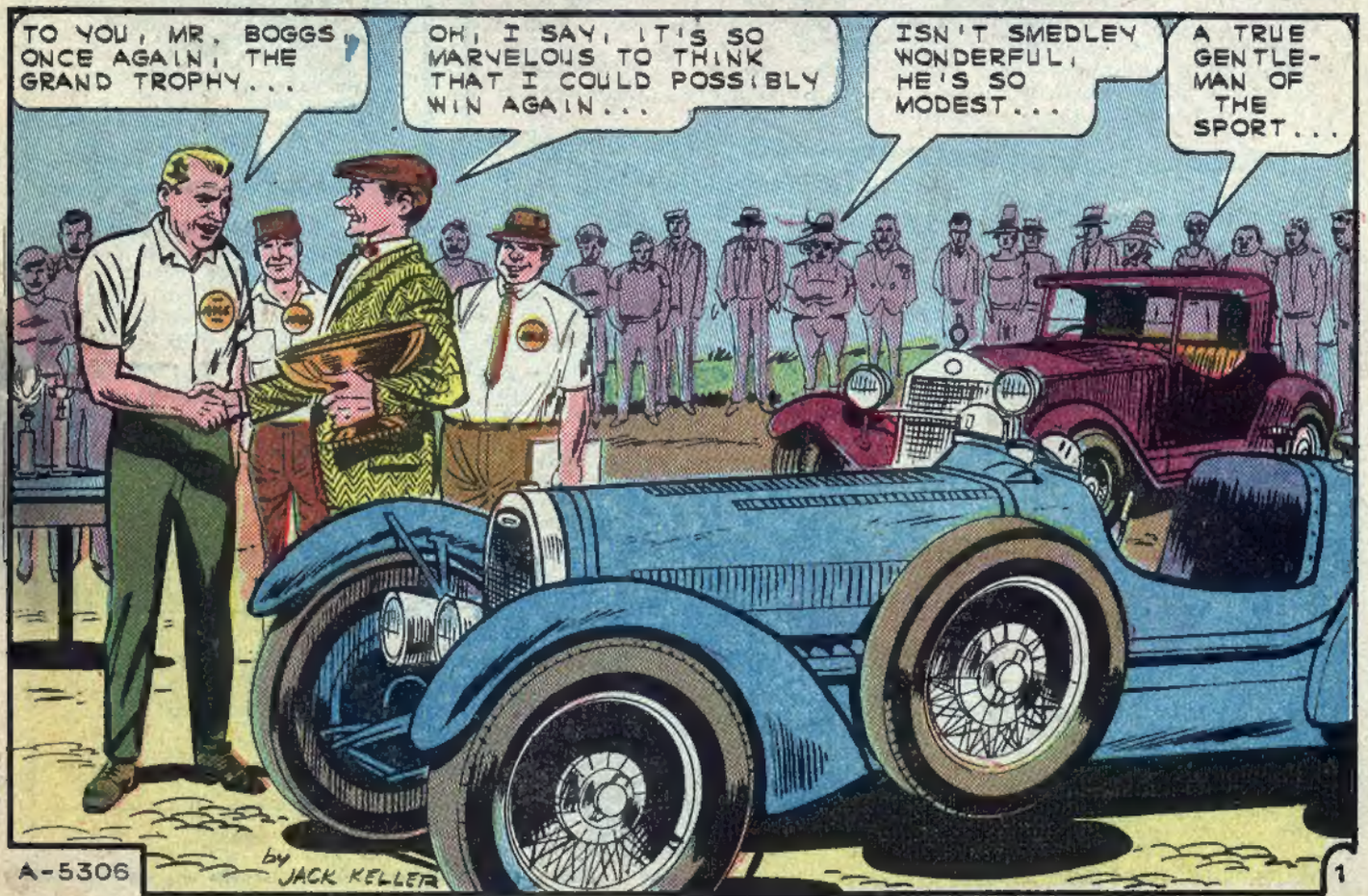
THE CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH FAST DRIVING, BRAKING, CORNERING, OR ANY OF THE OTHER THRILLING FEATURES OF MOST AUTO EVENTS ...NEVERTHELESS, IT IS COMPETITION AT ITS BEST...ENTRANTS EXHIBIT THEIR METICULOUSLY POLISHED, WELL PRESERVED CARS BEFORE THE SCRUTINIZING EYES OF WELL TRAINED JUDGES WHO MUST PICK THE MOST PERFECT CAR...

THE JUDGES CAREFULLY EXAMINED THE LONG LINES OF CLASSIC, ANTIQUE, AND VINTAGE CARS...PAYING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO EVERY MINOR SCRATCH OR DIRT SMUDGE THAT MIGHT DISTRACT FROM THE CARS APPEARANCE...



FINALLY, THE JUDGES CONFERRED AND CAME TO A UNANIMOUS DECISION...

THE WINNER OF BEST IN SHOW, MR. SMEDLEY BOGGS' TYPE 59 BUGATTI CLASSIC...


TO YOU, MR. BOGGS, ONCE AGAIN, THE GRAND TROPHY...
OH, I SAY, IT'S SO MARVELOUS TO THINK THAT I COULD POSSIBLY WIN AGAIN...
ISN'T SMEDLEY WONDERFUL, HE'S SO MODEST...
A TRUE GENTLE-MAN OF THE SPORT...

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SMEDLEY NOT ONLY WON EVERY CONCOURS, BUT HE ALSO ALWAYS MADE THE SAME DULL SPEECH!
DEAR FRIENDS AND FELLOW COMPETITORS... I'M SURE THAT MANY OF YOU ARE FAR MORE WORTHY TO RECEIVE THIS GREAT HONOR THAN I---
I CAN ONLY ACCEPT THIS TROPHY AS A SYMBOL OF THE LOVELY FRIENDS I HAVE GAINED THROUGH THIS COMPETITION...AND REMIND YOU IT IS NOT THE WINNING THAT COUNTS, IT IS THE SPORTSMANSHIP
AS USUAL, THE CROWD RESPONDED WITH ADMIRATION AND APPLAUSE...
MAGNIFICENT SPEECH...
SUCH WARMTH!
HUMILITY!
HE'S A GOOD SPORT!
WHILE THE BULK OF THE CROWD ATE UP SMEDLEY'S SPEECH, CLINT AND ALEX ACCEPTED IT WITH SOME MISGIVINGS...
PHEW, WHAT A HAMMY SPEECH.
YEAH, SMEDLEY DID LAY IT ON A LITTLE THICK...
WHAT KIND OF A COMPETITOR IS HE ANYWAY? HE NEVER DOES ANY WORK ON THE BUG HIMSELF..HE'S A MILLIONAIRE, AND HAS A TEAM OF EXPERTS TO PREPARE THE CAR FOR COMPETITION...ALL HE DOES IS TAKE THE BOWS AND MAKE CORNY SPEECHES...
MAYBE SO, ALEX, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO ADMIT THAT TYPE 59 BUGATTI IS A REAL BEAUTY
YEAH, THE CARS ALL RIGHT, IT'S JUST MR. SMEDLEY BOGGS THAT I CAN'T STAND..
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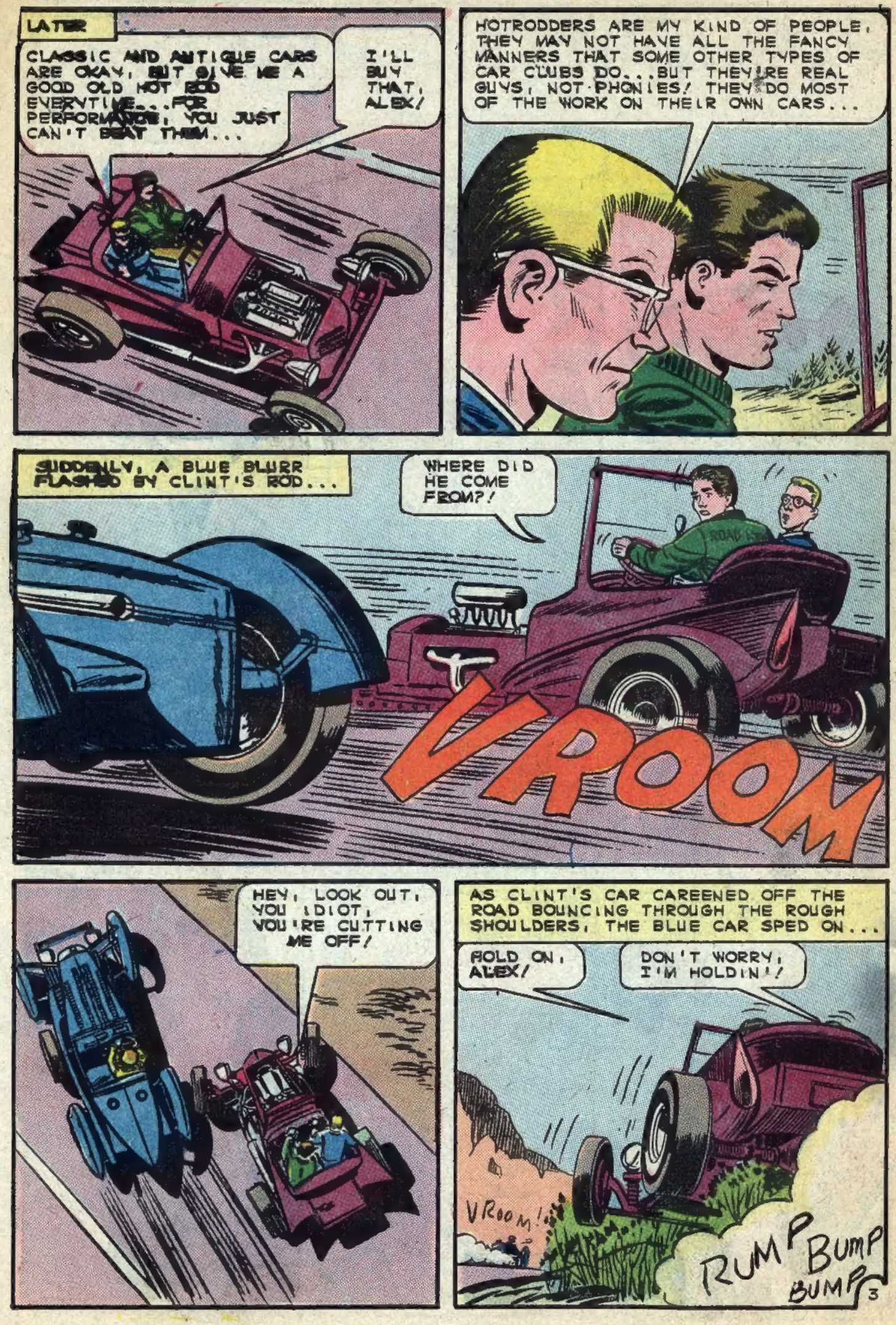
LATER
CLASSIC AND ANTIQUE CARS ARE OKAY, BUT GIVE ME A GOOD OLD HOT ROD EVERYTIME...FOR PERFORMANCE, YOU JUST CAN'T BEAT THEM...
I'LL BUY THAT, ALEX!
HOTRODDERS ARE MY KIND OF PEOPLE. THEY MAY NOT HAVE ALL THE FANCY MANNERS THAT SOME OTHER TYPES OF CAR CLUBS DO...BUT THEY'RE REAL GUYS, NOT PHONIES! THEY DO MOST OF THE WORK ON THEIR OWN CARS...
SUDDENLY, A BLUE BLURR FLASHED BY CLINT'S ROD...
WHERE DID HE COME FROM?!
VROOM
HEY, LOOK OUT, YOU IDIOT, YOU'RE CUTTING ME OFF!
AS CLINT'S CAR CAREENED OFF THE ROAD BOUNCING THROUGH THE ROUGH SHOULDERS, THE BLUE CAR SPED ON...
HOLD ON, ALEX!
DON'T WORRY, I'M HOLDIN'!
VROOM!
RUMP BUMP BUMP
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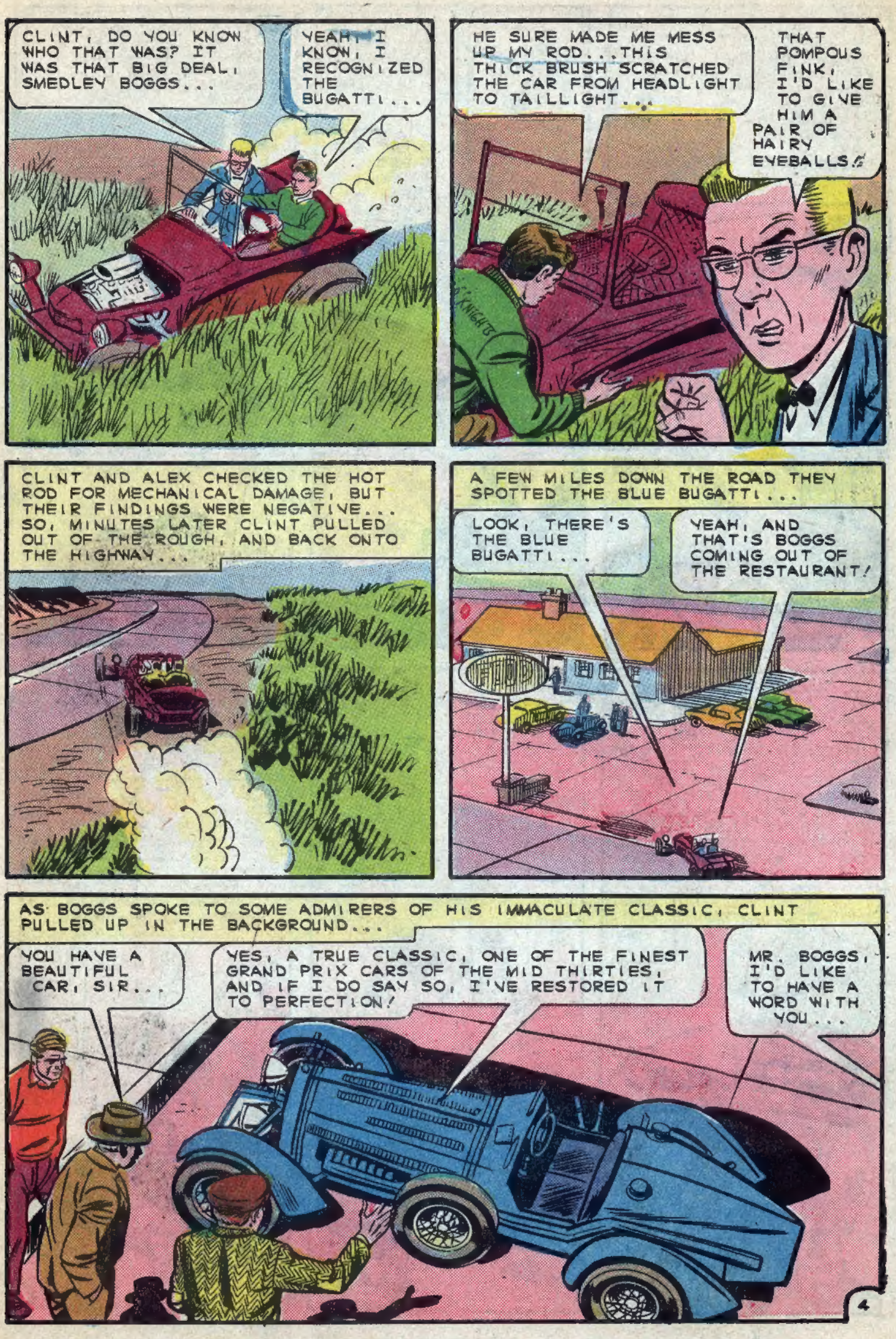
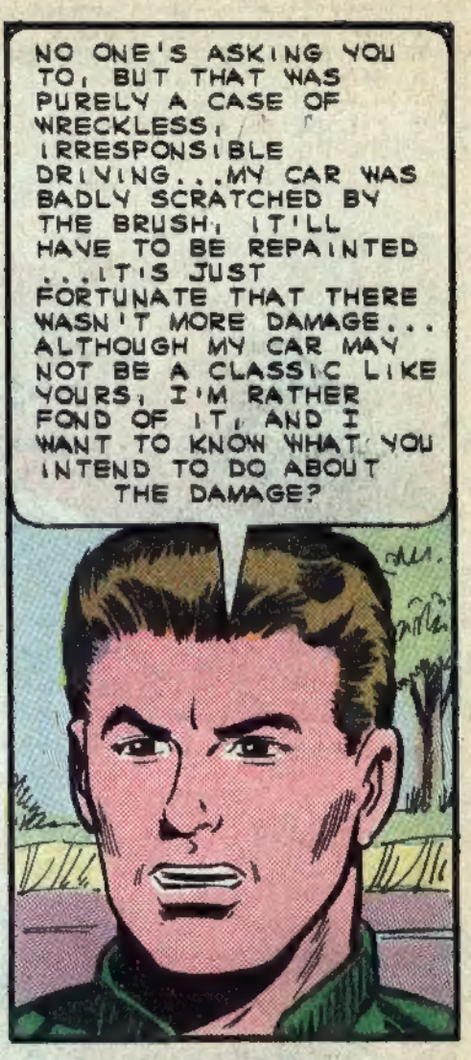
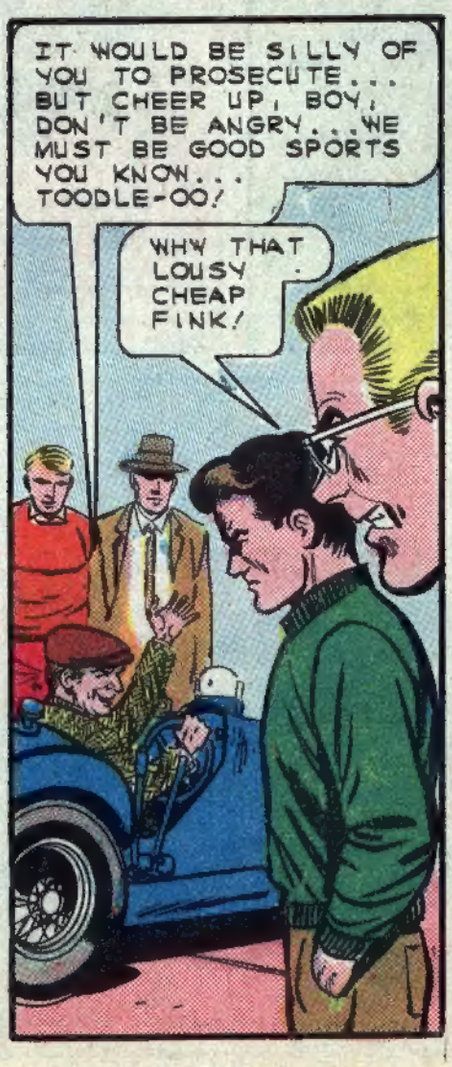

CLINT, DO YOU KNOW WHO THAT WAS? IT WAS THAT BIG DEAL, SMEDLEY BOGGS...
YEAH, I KNOW, I RECOGNIZED THE BUGATTI...
HE SURE MADE ME MESS UP MY ROD...THIS THICK BRUSH SCRATCHED THE CAR FROM HEADLIGHT TO TAILLIGHT...
THAT POMPOUS FINK, I'D LIKE TO GIVE HIM A PAIR OF HAIRY EYEBALLS!
CLINT AND ALEX CHECKED THE HOT ROD FOR MECHANICAL DAMAGE, BUT THEIR FINDINGS WERE NEGATIVE... SO, MINUTES LATER CLINT PULLED OUT OF THE ROUGH, AND BACK ONTO THE HIGHWAY...
A FEW MILES DOWN THE ROAD THEY SPOTTED THE BLUE BUGATTI...
LOOK, THERE'S THE BLUE BUGATTI...
YEAH, AND THAT'S BOGGS COMING OUT OF THE RESTAURANT!
AS BOGGS SPOKE TO SOME ADMIRERS OF HIS IMMACULATE CLASSIC, CLINT PULLED UP IN THE BACKGROUND...
YOU HAVE A BEAUTIFUL CAR, SIR...
YES, A TRUE CLASSIC, ONE OF THE FINEST GRAND PRIX CARS OF THE MID THIRTIES, AND IF I DO SAY SO, I'VE RESTORED IT TO PERFECTION!
MR. BOGGS, I'D LIKE TO HAVE A WORD WITH YOU...

I'D ALSO LIKE TO COMPLIMENT YOU ON YOUR BEAUTIFUL CAR...BUT AS FOR YOUR DRIVING, MR. BOGGS, THAT'S SOMETHING ELSE...
HMMM, JUST WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT REMARK, YOUNG MAN?

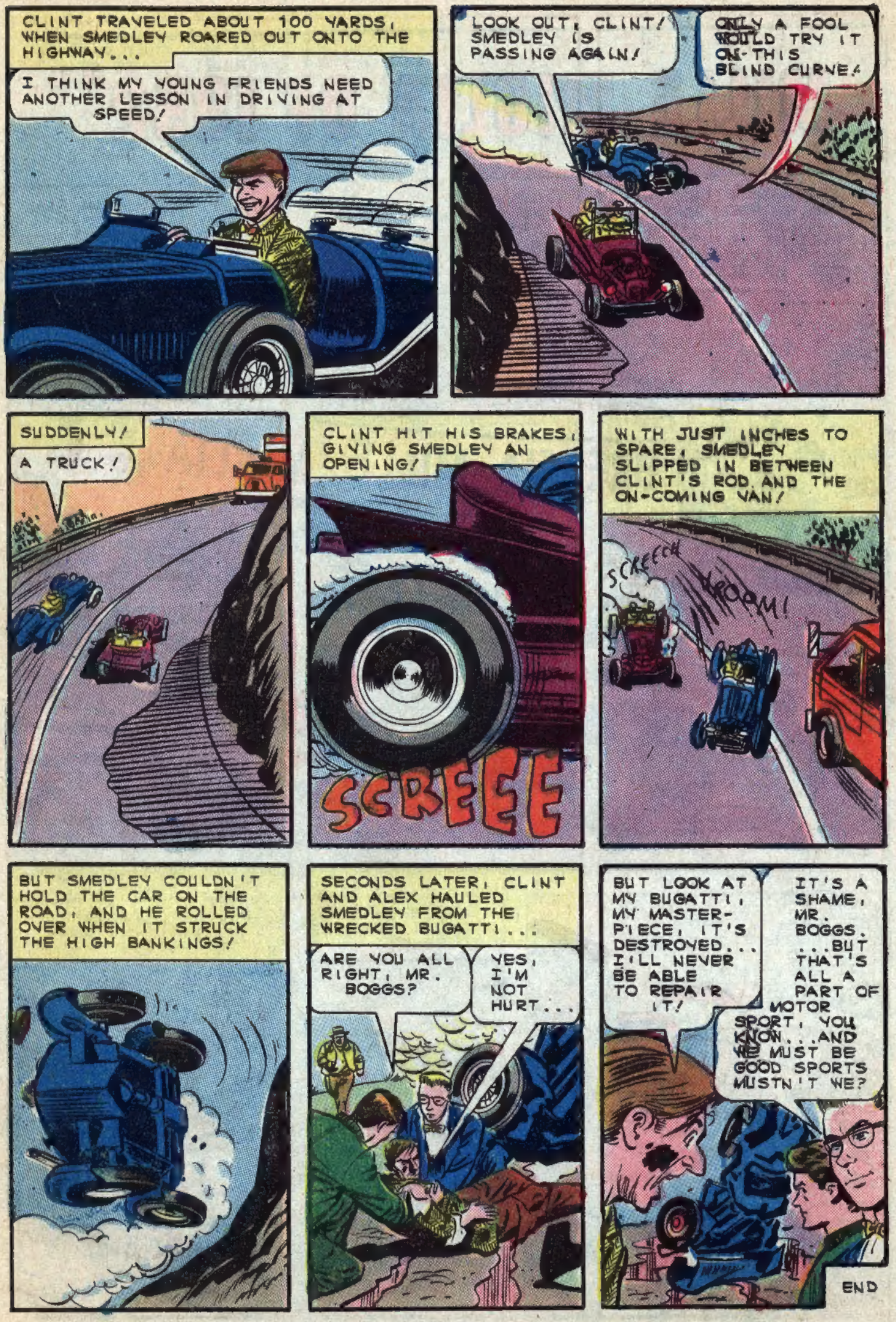
I MEAN YOU PASSED ME TOO DARN CLOSE, AND RAN ME OFF THE ROAD...
REALLY, YOU DON'T SAY...I'M SORRY, YOUNG MAN, BUT YOU SEE, MY CAR WAS BUILT FOR SPEED... YOU CAN'T TREAT A THOROUGHBRED LIKE A PLOW HORSE, NOW CAN YOU?


NO ONE'S ASKING YOU TO, BUT THAT WAS PURELY A CASE OF WRECKLESS, IRRESPONSIBLE DRIVING...MY CAR WAS BADLY SCRATCHED BY THE BRUSH, IT'LL HAVE TO BE REPAINTED ...IT IS JUST FORTUNATE THAT THERE WASN'T MORE DAMAGE... ALTHOUGH MY CAR MAY NOT BE A CLASSIC LIKE YOURS, I'M RATHER FOND OF IT, AND I WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU INTEND TO DO ABOUT THE DAMAGE?

ABSOLUTELY NOTHING... IT'S MERELY YOUR WORD AGAINST MINE...THE WAY I SEE IT, YOU PANICKED WHEN I PASSED YOU...THEN YOU LOST CONTROL BECAUSE OF YOUR INEXPERIENCE AS A DRIVER...REALLY, YOU'VE NO CASE MY BOY, AND MIGHT I REMIND YOU THAT I HAVE SOME VERY GOOD LAWYERS IN MY EMPLOY...

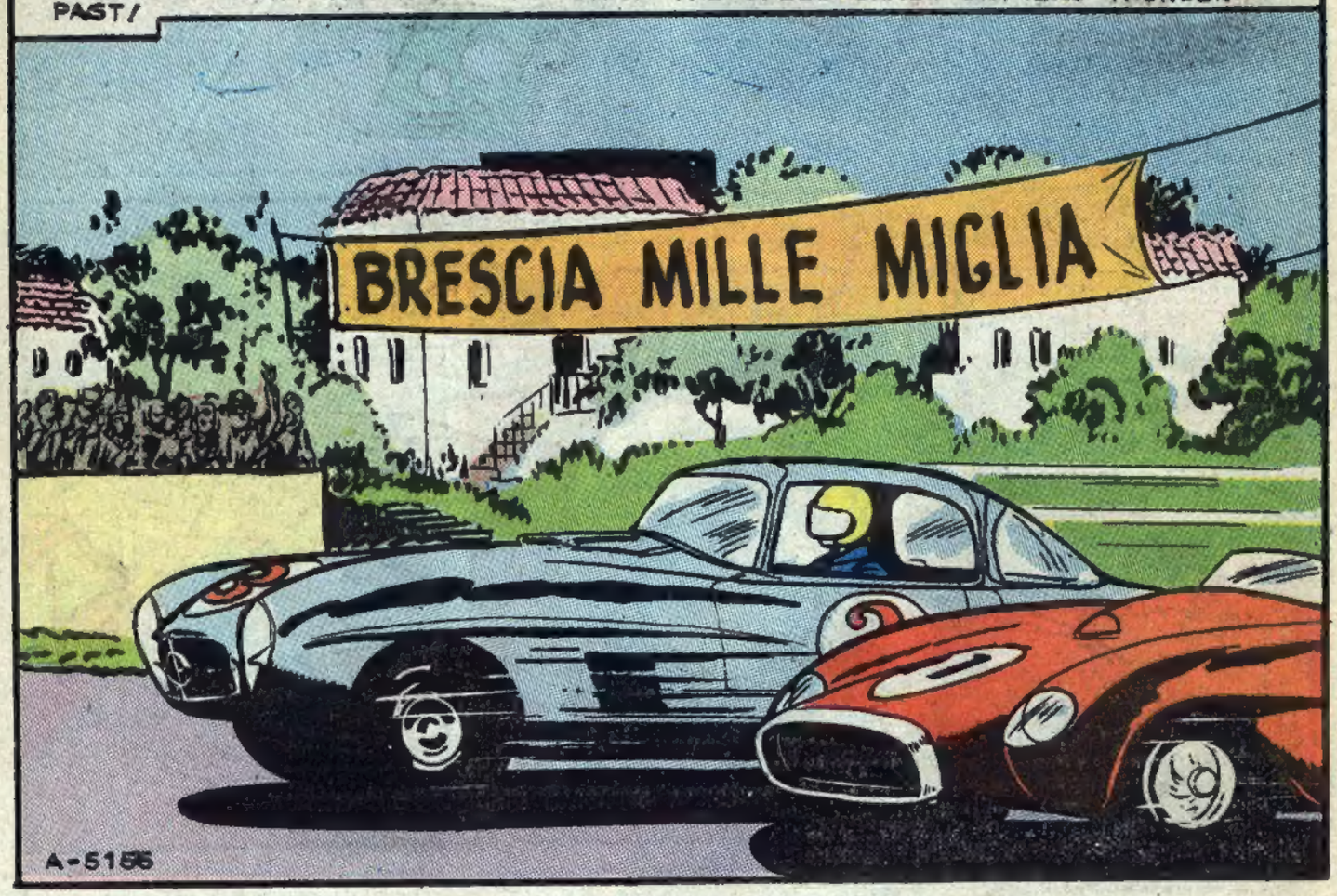

IT WOULD BE SILLY OF YOU TO PROSECUTE... BUT CHEER UP, BOY, DON'T BE ANGRY...WE MUST BE GOOD SPORTS YOU KNOW... TOODLE-OO!
WHY THAT LOUSY CHEAP FINK!

WHILE SMEDLEY BOGGS SAT IN HIS BUGATTI, BOASTING TO SOME ADMIRERS, CLINT AND ALEX QUIETLY LEFT THE PARKING LOT...
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LET HIM GET AWAY WITH THAT, ARE YOU, CLINT?
I'VE NO CHOICE, ALEX... WITH HIS MONEY, WHAT CHANCE WOULD I HAVE AGAINST HIM?

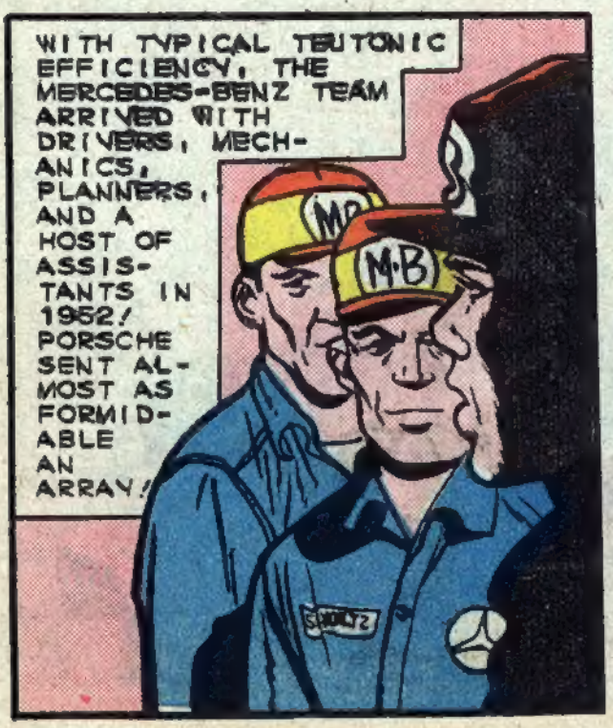

CLINT TRAVELED ABOUT 100 YARDS, WHEN SMEDLEY ROARED OUT ONTO THE HIGHWAY...
I THINK MY YOUNG FRIENDS NEED ANOTHER LESSON IN DRIVING AT SPEED!
LOOK OUT, CLINT! SMEDLEY IS PASSING AGAIN!
ONLY A FOOL WOULD TRY IT ON THIS BLIND CURVE!
SUDDENLY!
A TRUCK!
CLINT HIT HIS BRAKES, GIVING SMEDLEY AN OPENING!
SCREEE
WITH JUST INCHES TO SPARE, SMEDLEY SLIPPED IN BETWEEN CLINT'S ROD AND THE ON-COMING VAN!
SCREECH
VROOM!
BUT SMEDLEY COULDN'T HOLD THE CAR ON THE ROAD, AND HE ROLLED OVER WHEN IT STRUCK THE HIGH BANKINGS!
SECONDS LATER, CLINT AND ALEX HAULED SMEDLEY FROM THE WRECKED BUGATTI...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MR. BOGGS?
YES, I'M NOT HURT...
BUT LOOK AT MY BUGATTI, MY MASTER-PIECE, IT'S DESTROYED... I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO REPAIR IT!
IT'S A SHAME, MR. BOGGS. ...BUT THAT'S ALL A PART OF MOTOR SPORT, YOU KNOW...AND WE MUST BE GOOD SPORTS MUSTN'T WE?
END

MILLE MIGLIA OF 1952""

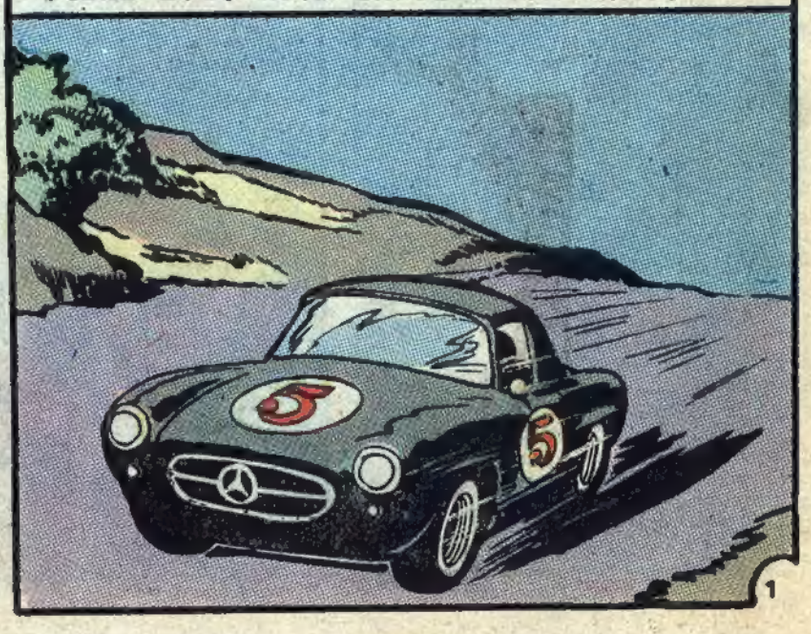
THE FAMED MILLE MIGLIA, 1000 MILES OF GRUELING RACING OVER ROADS RANGING FROM RUGGED MOUNTAIN ROADS THROUGH THE APPENINES, DOWN THE PO VALLEY, UP THROUGH THE APPENINES AGAIN, AND BACK TO BRESCIA, THE STARTING POINT! THIS RACE AROUSES MORE HYSTERIA ALONG THE ROUTE THAN ANY OTHER RACE IN THE WORLD! PRACTICALLY THE ENTIRE ITALIAN NATION IS LINED UP ALONG THE ROADS TO WATCH THE SPEED-CRAZY DRIVERS THUNDER PAST!



WITH TYPICAL TEUTONIC EFFICIENCY, THE MERCEDES-BENZ TEAM ARRIVED WITH DRIVERS, MECHANICS, PLANNERS, AND A HOST OF ASSISTANTS IN 1952! PORSCHE SENT ALMOST AS FORMIDABLE AN ARRAY!



EACH DRIVER WENT OVER THE RACE COURSE, MEMORIZING EVERY TURN, STUDYING CONTOURS ETC. WITH ENDLESS PATIENCE!



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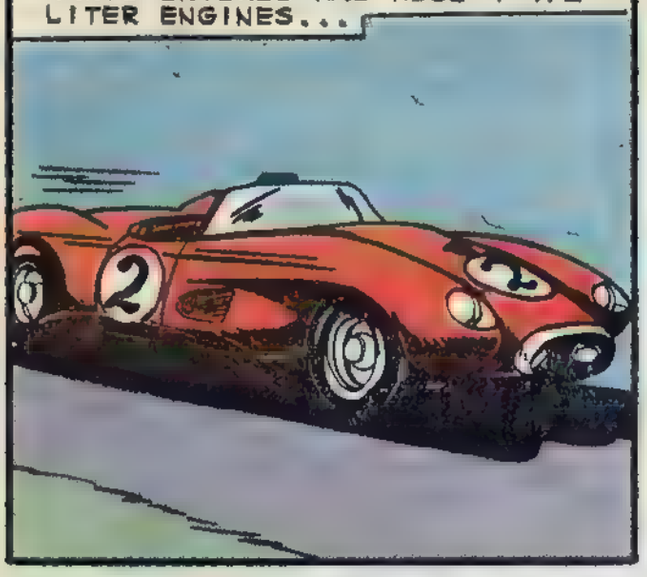
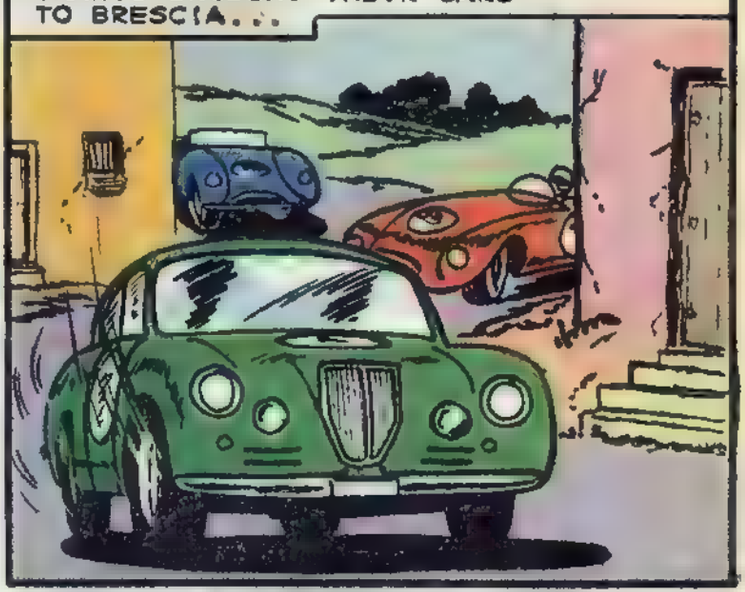
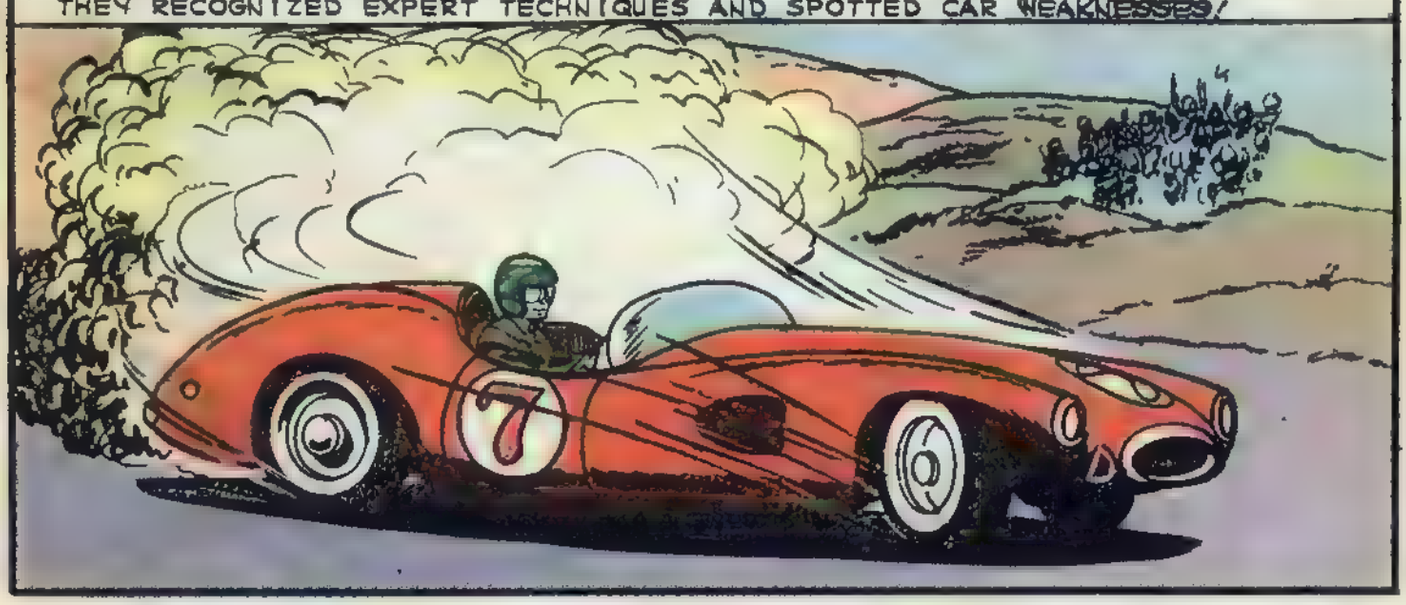


AS THE STARTING DAY MAY 4, 1952, APPROACHED, THE ENTRANTS BROUGHT THEIR CARS TO BRESCIA...



PRACTICE RUNS WERE WATCHED BY THE KNOWING EYES OF THE ITALIANS ALONG THE ROUTE/ THEY HAD WATCHED MANY MILLE MAGLIA RACES AND THEY RECOGNIZED EXPERT TECHNIQUES AND SPOTTED CAR WEAKNESSES/



THE BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED MERCEDES-BENZ COUPES WERE FORMIDABLE OPPONENTS AND THE ITALIAN SPECTATORS WATCHED THEM WITH HAWK EYES SEEKING SIGNS OF WEAKNESS/

LIKE THE SPANIARDS AND THEIR BULLFIGHTERS, THE ITALIAN NATION IDOLIZED THEIR FAVORITE RACING DRIVERS/

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"LEFT ISN'T RIGHT!"

There was at one time a saying, which in one of its forms went like this: "He's so dumb he doesn't know his left hand from his right hand." You may smile and remark that we all do know which is right and which is left. Back in elementary school days the teacher would have the class stand. Then we were told to raise our right hands. Then our left hands. "And never forget, which is which," admonished teacher. "Because it can be very important to you."

With most of America behind the wheel of a car it can be a matter of life and death to a driver. This week end, on a tri-state trip, I had a very close brush with disaster. Just because the female behind the wheel became confused with right and left. We were driving on the left lane of a two lane highway going north. Suddenly there were warning signs and barricades. The signs read: "Squeeze right." They were fixing the left lane and that meant a single lane of traffic all going in the right hand lane.

There was a car slightly ahead of me in the right lane. I figured I would squeeze in after this car. Then suddenly, the driver made a turn into my lane! There was no place for me to go. Down went my foot all the way on the brake pedal. Meanwhile the other driver realized her mistake. She was going to smash into the barricade and it looked as though I would smash into her car. She made a sharp turn back into her lane. Let me say our seat belts certainly helped with that quick stop. I had that terrible feeling in the pit of my stomach for some time.

Now let us take another instance wherein the driver of a car gets confused and thus invites the possibility of a bad accident. You are in the right lane of a two lane road. The right lane is for cars that are going to make a right turn at the corner of the intersection. The left lane is for the cars that will make a left turn at the same corner. The car on your left is slightly ahead of you and you see the turn signal on the back of the car informing you the car is going to make the left turn. And then suddenly that car shoots out ahead of you and makes a right turn! What you think of that driver can't be printed here.

You sometimes get a dose of this even on a major speedway with three lanes. Where suddenly the driver on the extreme left lane cuts across the center lane, the right lane, and heads for that exit road. Definitely, here we have proof of the saying that fundamentally it is the driver behind the wheel who can prevent or cause an accident. Regardless of what improvements we put into cars-unless we make them completely automatic so that they do all the thinking for the driver. And the day isn't too far off when we will do this with a "programed trip" controlling the car.

The other day we were driving through the city. The car on my right even had his front wheels turned to the right while waiting for the red signal to change to green. We were alongside that car.

"Ask him if he is going to turn left or right?" I remarked to my wife.

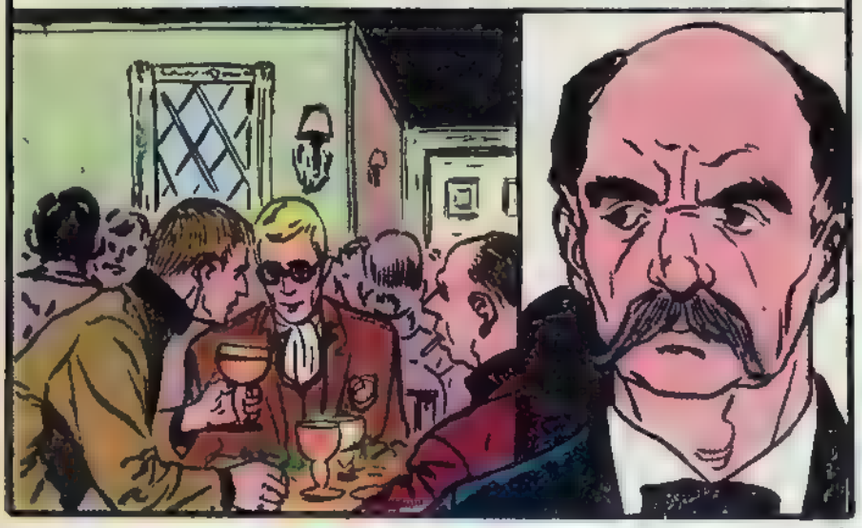
Which she did and the driver answered: "Left." Now go figure that one out. However here is an analysis of what does cause this confusion among some drivers:

In one of our adjacent states, the highways go through a variety of towns and villages. The clover-leaf pattern is used to get a driver off the highway. Which means if he wants to go left, he gets into the right lane. Then makes a right hand turn and goes a short distance. The road may then run under or over the main highway. Or he simply finds himself into a lead road which then crosses the main highway when the light turns green. But the basic confusion in the brain cells is this: To turn left-you turn right! When this driver comes to our state, I notice he often gets confused. So I become a bit wary when I notice this particular license plate on the back of a car driving near me.

Then again, there are drivers who just do not know where they are going or even how to get there. With an assist from the back seat driver who shouts: "Don't turn right at this crossing. Turn left!" So you get a shocker when the car swings back into lane and cuts across your car. Probably this has happened to a lot of us.

Notice how often the turn signal light doesn't go off when the other car has changed lanes on a highway. And should it continue to blink, and the driver not signal again, you have trouble! At present about all we can do is to be extremely careful.

THE GERMANS PLANNED THEIR STRATEGY CAREFULLY/ "IF THE ITALIANS DRIVE MADLY, THEN THEY WOULD DRIVE EVEN MORE MADLY!" AS THIS ORDER WAS ISSUED, SPIES CAUGHT THE WORD AND PASSED IT ON TO THE ITALIAN TEAMS OF FERRARI, LANCIA, ALFA ROMEO...



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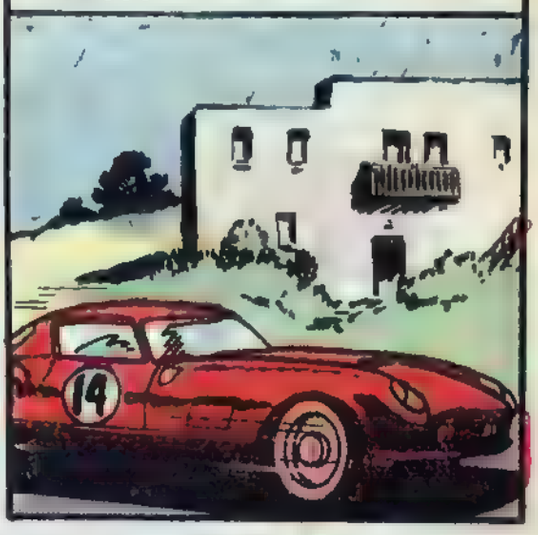
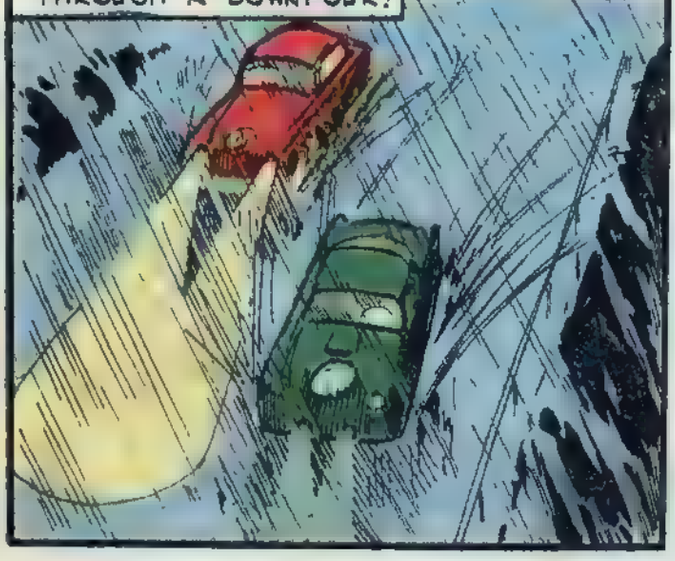
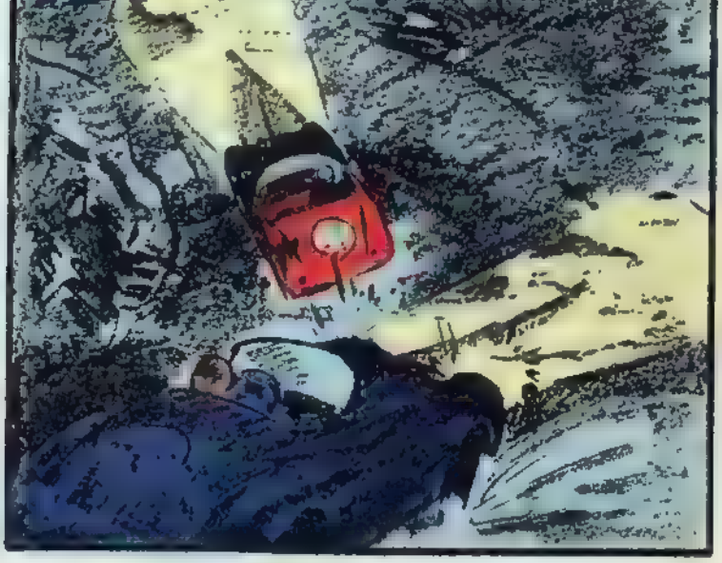


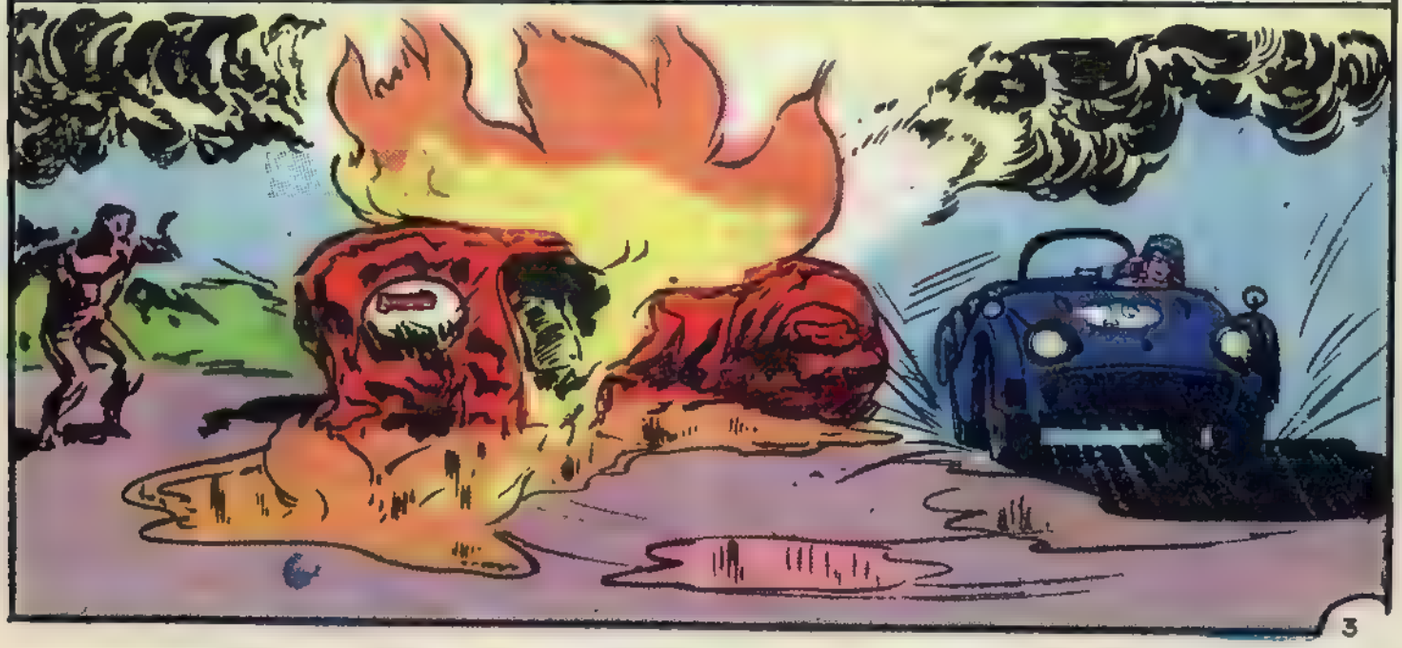
THE FIRST PART OF THE RACE TOOK THEM THROUGH THE FOOTHILLS OF THE ALPS...RUGGED DRIVING THROUGH A DOWNPOUR!



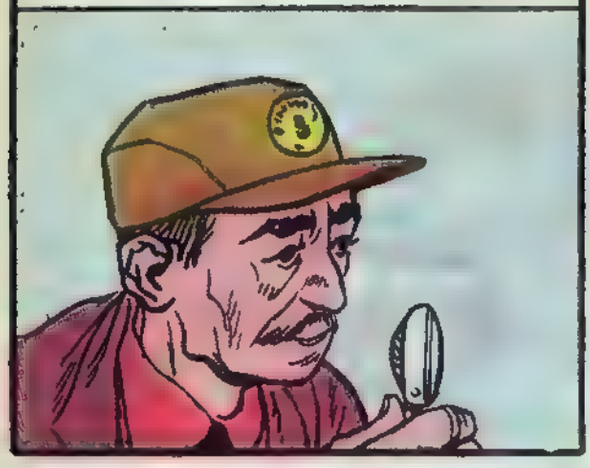
FOGS DEVELOPED/ CARS CRASHED...



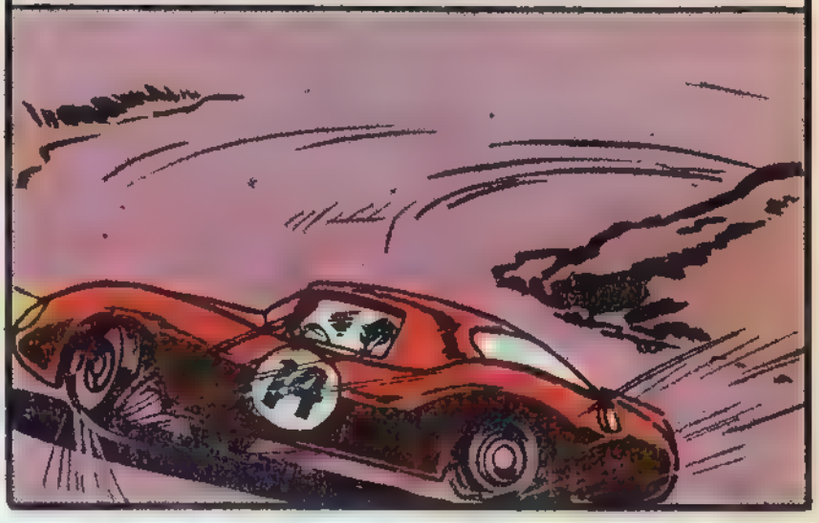
TWO ITALIAN DRIVERS DIED WHEN THEIR SPORTS CAR CRASHED...

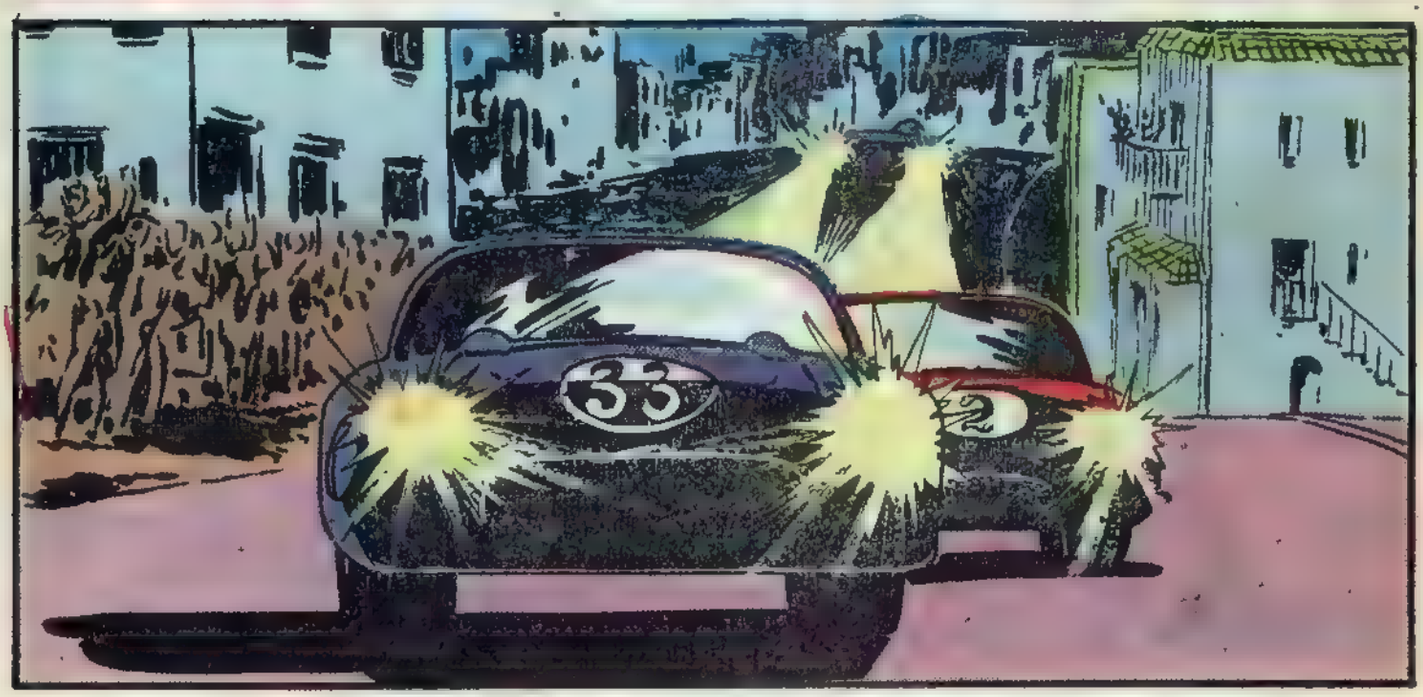


ELAPSED TIME FOR EACH CAR WAS GIVEN...OR JUST THE TIME IN MINUTES OR SECONDS OF THE LEAD CAR FROM EACH CHECK POINT ALONG THE WAY! "THE MERCEDES-BENZ ENTRY WITH KLING AND KLENK IS 6 MINUTES AHEAD!"

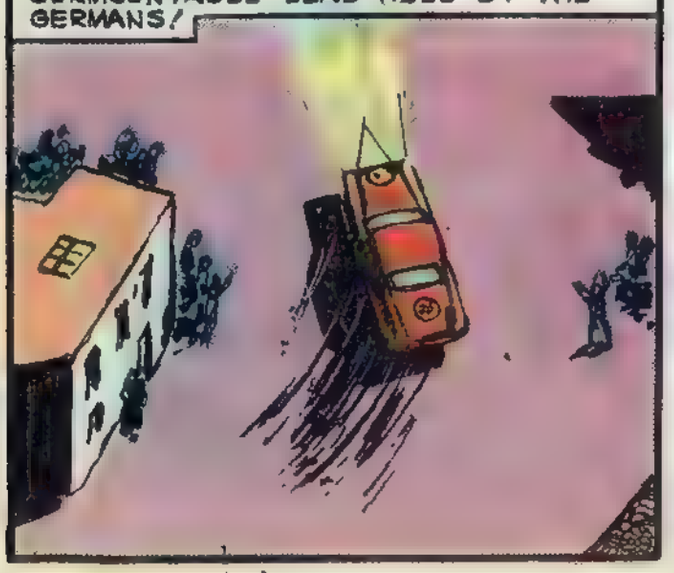


BRACCO, IN THE FERRARI, DROVE LIKE A MADMAN! THOUGH HE HAD TO STOP OFTEN FOR TIRES, HE WAS BEHIND TARUFFI WHO WAS DRIVING THE BIG 4 1/2 LITER FERRARI AND TARUFFI WAS ONLY 2 1/2 MINUTES BEHIND THE KLING-KLENK MERCEDES-BENZ!



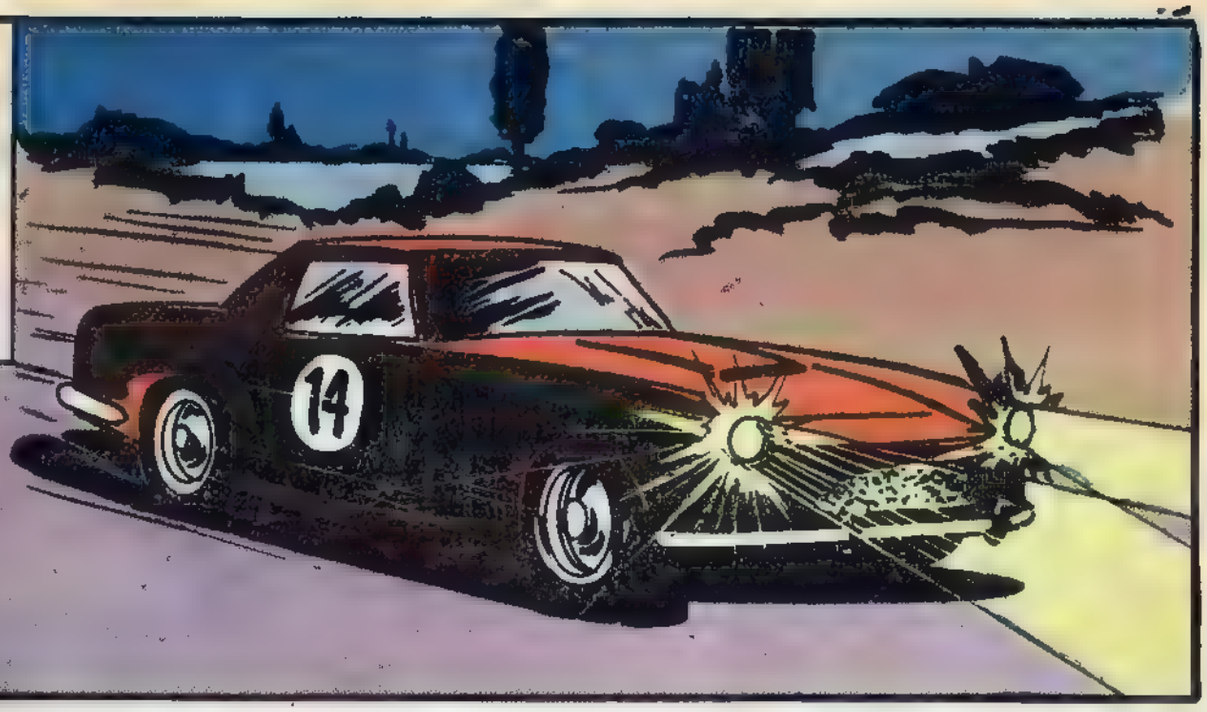


BRACCO WAS DRIVING INSANELY, RISKING HIS LIFE EVERY SECOND, PRESSING TO OVERCOME THE INSURMOUNTABLE LEAD HELD BY THE GERMANS!



THE GERMANS WAVED KLING-KLENK ON FASTER AND FASTER...BUT THE MERCEDES-BENZ COULDN'T SPEED UP!

STILL THINKING HE WAS IN SECOND PLACE, BRACCO PILOTED THE HURTLING RED FERRARI INTO BRESCIA..



...AND THERE HE DIDN'T NEED TO BE TOLD...THE WILDLY CHEERING FANS! HAPPY FACES INFORMED BRACCO THAT HE HAD WON THE GREAT RACE!

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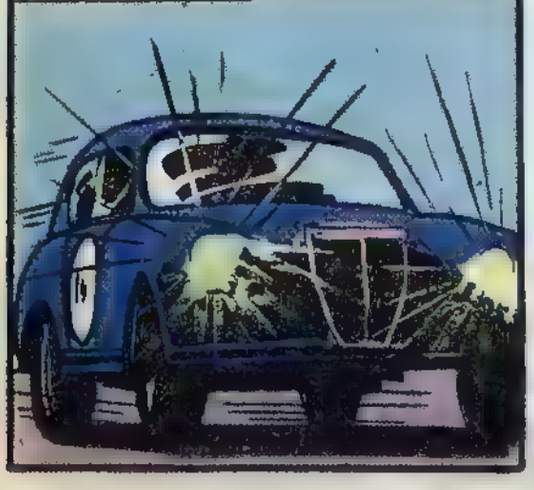
A LANCIA AURELIA FINISHED OVER-ALL THIRD, A FINE PERFORMANCE FROM A CAR WITH A SMALLER DISPLACEMENT THAN THE FERRARIS AND MERCEDES-BENZ, ETC.!



AN ENGLISH ASTON-MARTIN TOOK 1ST IN THE GRAND TURISMO OVER 1 LITERS CLASS! PORSCHE DOMINATED THE 1.1 TO 1.5 LITER CLASS, OSCA, DYNA PANHARD, LANCIA APRILIA, FIAT, ALFA ROMEO, AND MATTA, ALL TOOK 1STS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CLASSES! ONCE AGAIN, THE FAMED MILLE MIGLIA PROVED ONE OF THE STIFFEST TESTS OF CARS AND MEN ANYWHERE!

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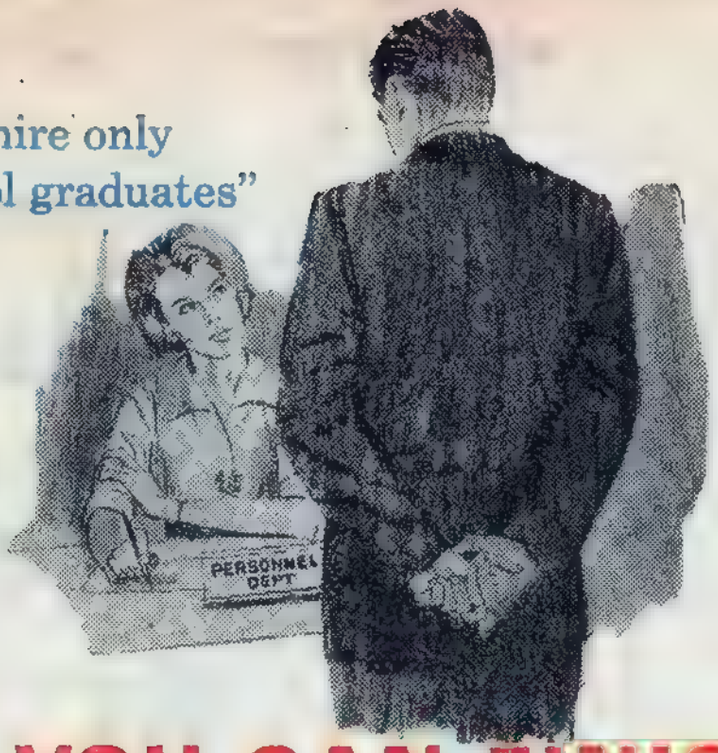

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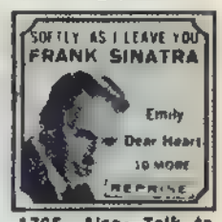

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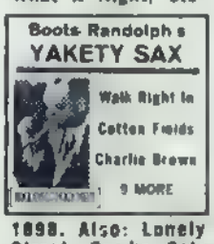

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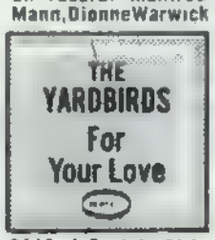

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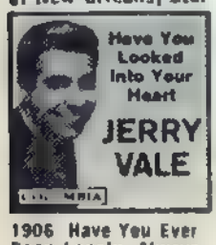

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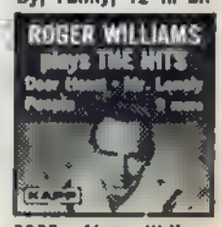

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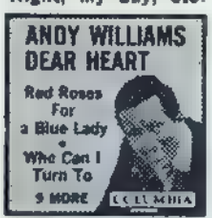

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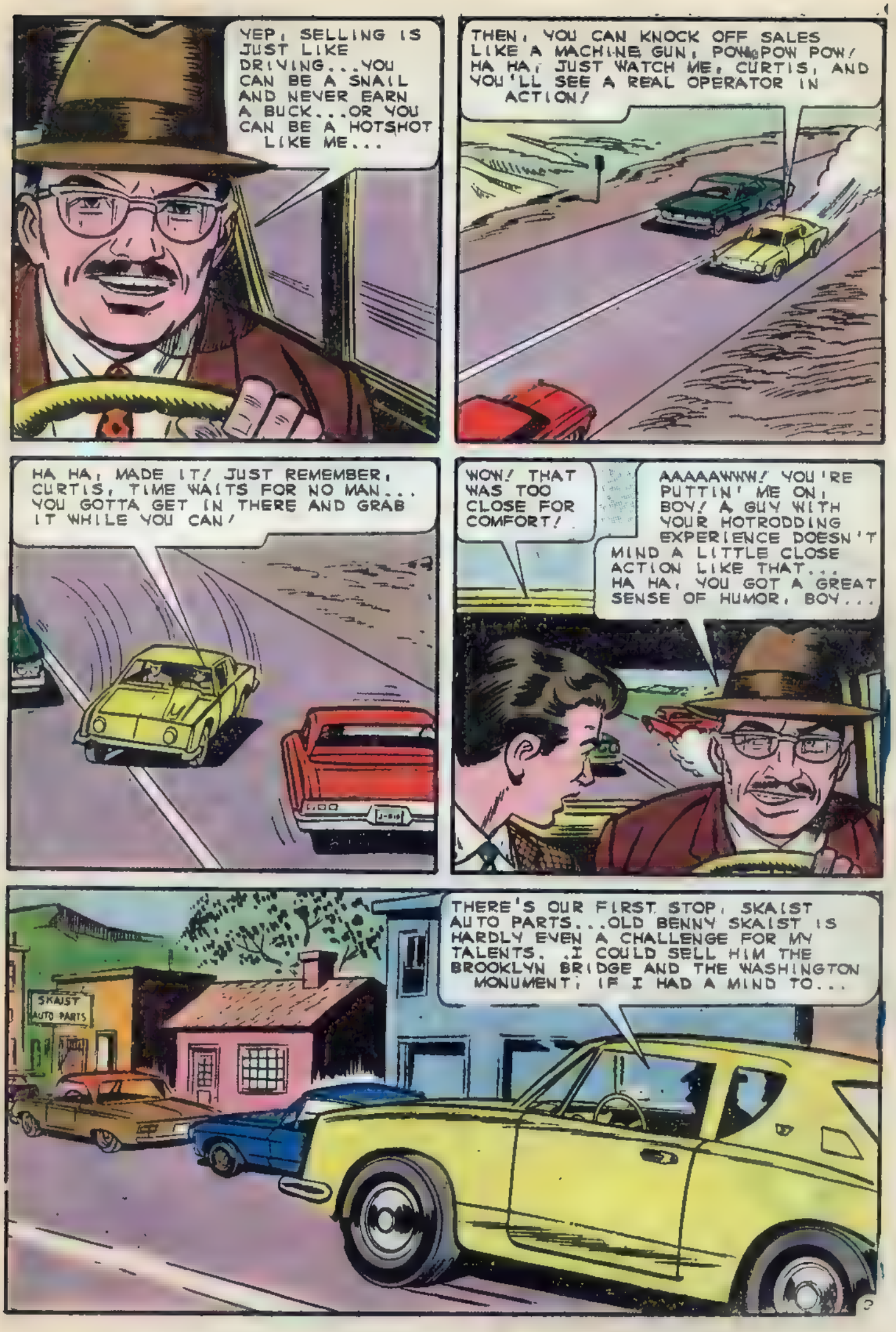
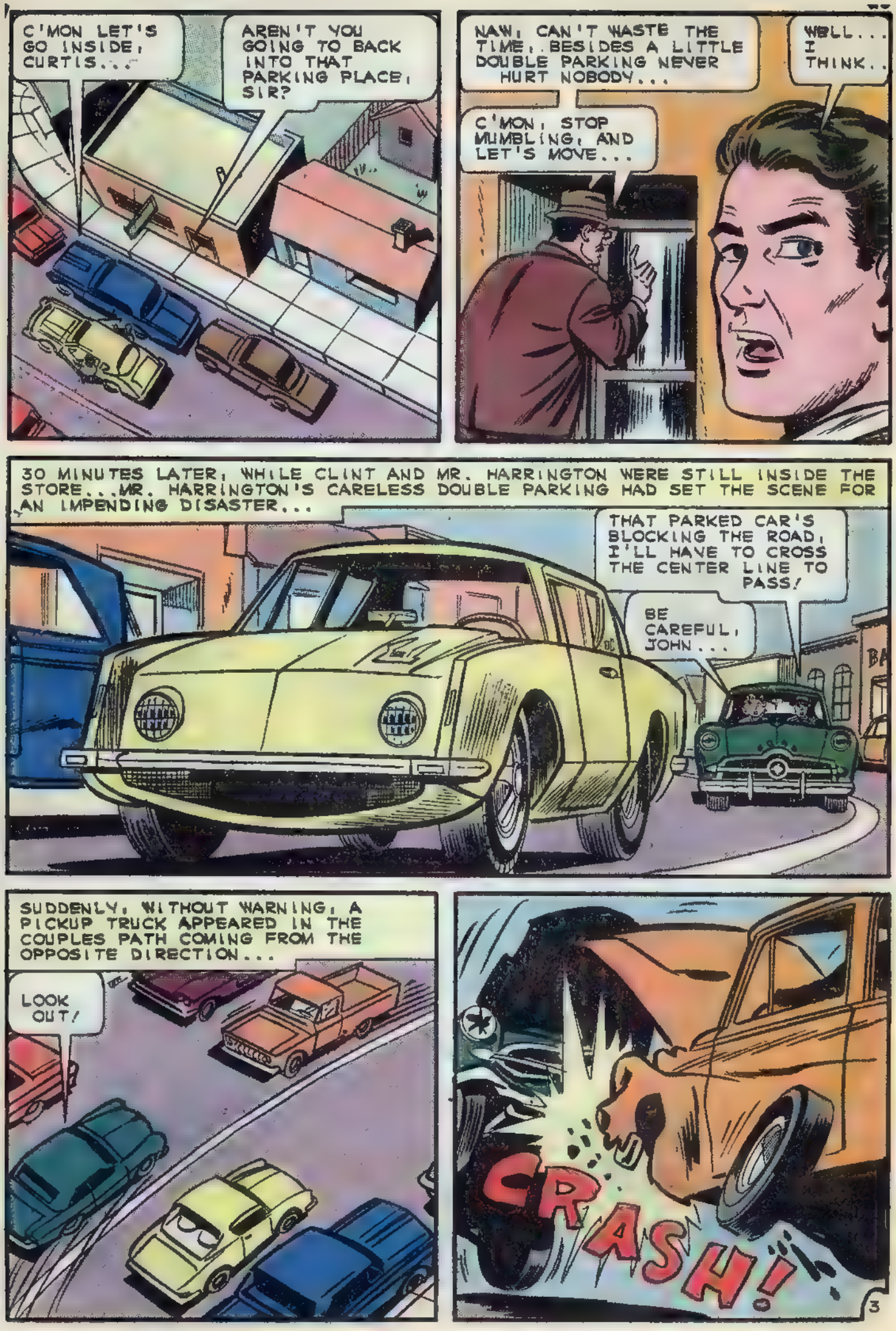

YEP, SELLING IS JUST LIKE DRIVING...YOU CAN BE A SNAIL AND NEVER EARN A BUCK...OR YOU CAN BE A HOTSHOT LIKE ME...
THEN, YOU CAN KNOCK OFF SALES LIKE A MACHINE GUN, POW-POW-POW! HA HA, JUST WATCH ME, CURTIS, AND YOU'LL SEE A REAL OPERATOR IN ACTION!
HA HA, MADE IT! JUST REMEMBER, CURTIS, TIME WAITS FOR NO MAN... YOU GOTTA GET IN THERE AND GRAB IT WHILE YOU CAN!
WOW! THAT WAS TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT!
AAAAAWWW! YOU'RE PUTTIN' ME ON, BOY! A GUY WITH YOUR HOTRODDING EXPERIENCE DOESN'T MIND A LITTLE CLOSE ACTION LIKE THAT... HA HA, YOU GOT A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR, BOY...
SKAIST AUTO PARTS
THERE'S OUR FIRST STOP, SKAIST AUTO PARTS...OLD BENNY SKAIST IS HARDLY EVEN A CHALLENGE FOR MY TALENTS. .I COULD SELL HIM THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE AND THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT, IF I HAD A MIND TO...


C'MON LET'S GO INSIDE, CURTIS...
AREN'T YOU GOING TO BACK INTO THAT PARKING PLACE, SIR?
NAW, CAN'T WASTE THE TIME...BESIDES A LITTLE DOUBLE PARKING NEVER HURT NOBODY...
WELL... I THINK..
C'MON, STOP MUMBLING, AND LET'S MOVE...
30 MINUTES LATER, WHILE CLINT AND MR. HARRINGTON WERE STILL INSIDE THE STORE...MR. HARRINGTON'S CARELESS DOUBLE PARKING HAD SET THE SCENE FOR AN IMPENDING DISASTER...
THAT PARKED CAR'S BLOCKING THE ROAD, I'LL HAVE TO CROSS THE CENTER LINE TO PASS!
BE CAREFUL, JOHN...
SUDDENLY, WITHOUT WARNING, A PICKUP TRUCK APPEARED IN THE COUPLES PATH COMING FROM THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION...
LOOK OUT!
CRASH!

MEANWHILE
HA HA, WHAT'D I TELL YOU, BOY, I GOT ANOTHER BIG ORDER...AND HALF THE STUFF OLD BENNY SKAIST DIDN'T NEED ...REMEMBER, IF YOU GIVE THE CUSTOMER JUST WHAT HE WANTS, YOU HAVEN'T SOLD A THING...YOU GOTTA PUSH 'EM!
I DON'T KNOW IF I COULD, SIR... HEY! THAT SOUNDED LIKE A CRASH!
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! C'MON, LET'S SEE IF WE CAN HELP!
HOLD IT, YOU TWO!
DO EITHER OF YOU OWN THAT DOUBLE PARKED AVANTI?
YEAH, IT BELONGS TO ME...SO GIVE ME A PARKING TICKET...WHO CARES, I JUST EARNED TEN TIMES THAT AMOUNT!
I'M SORRY THAT'S ALL I CAN GIVE YOU... YOUR CARELESS PARKING TRIGGERED AN ACCIDENT, AND NOW THREE PEOPLE ARE SERIOUSLY INJURED ...I'D LIKE TO THROW THE BOOK AT YOU...
YEAH, WELL, WHY BLAME ME? I DIDN'T HIT 'EM.
PARKING CITATION
LATER
CAN YOU IMAGINE THE NERVE OF THAT COP, BLAMING ME? I WASN'T NOWHERES NEAR THE ACCIDENT!

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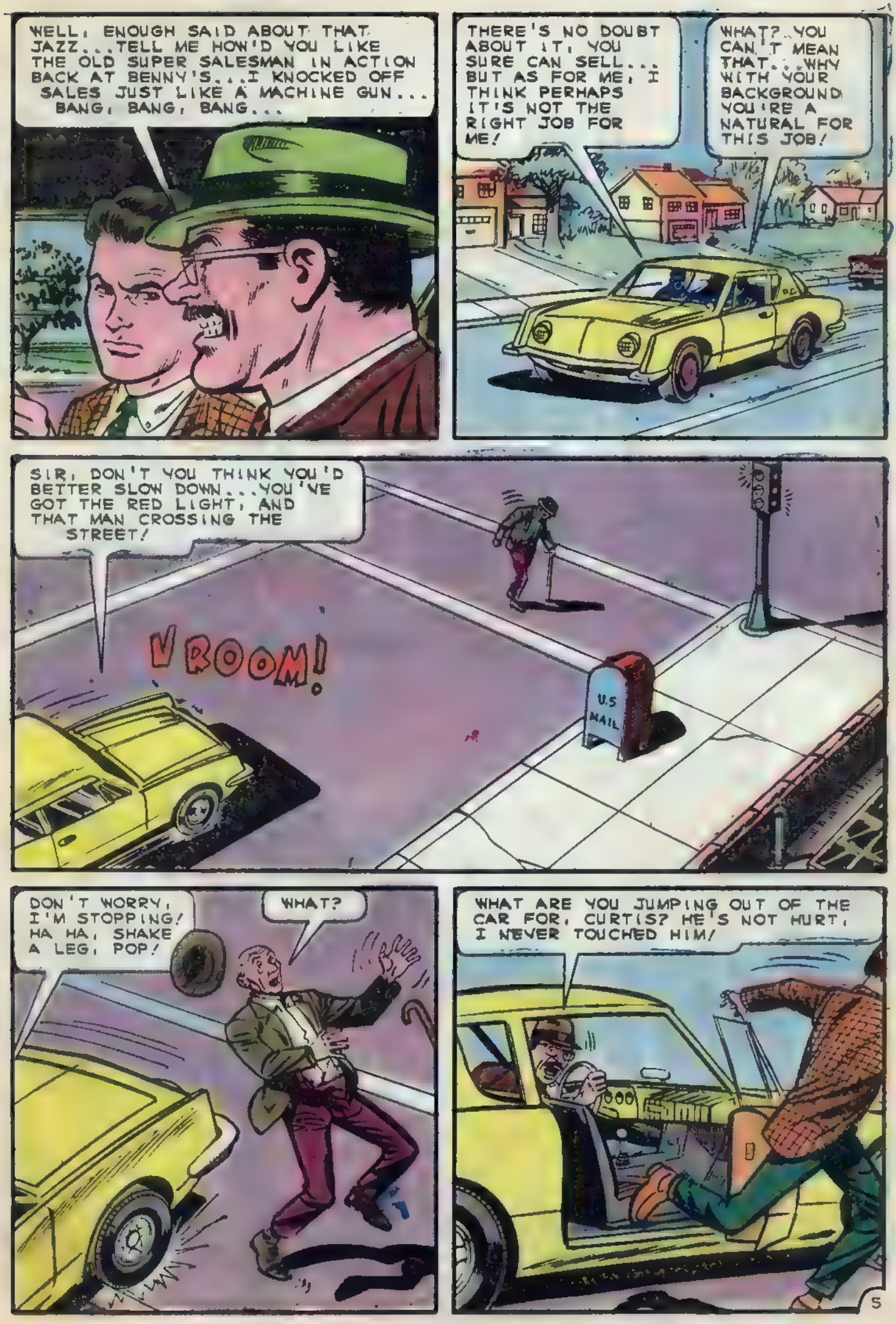
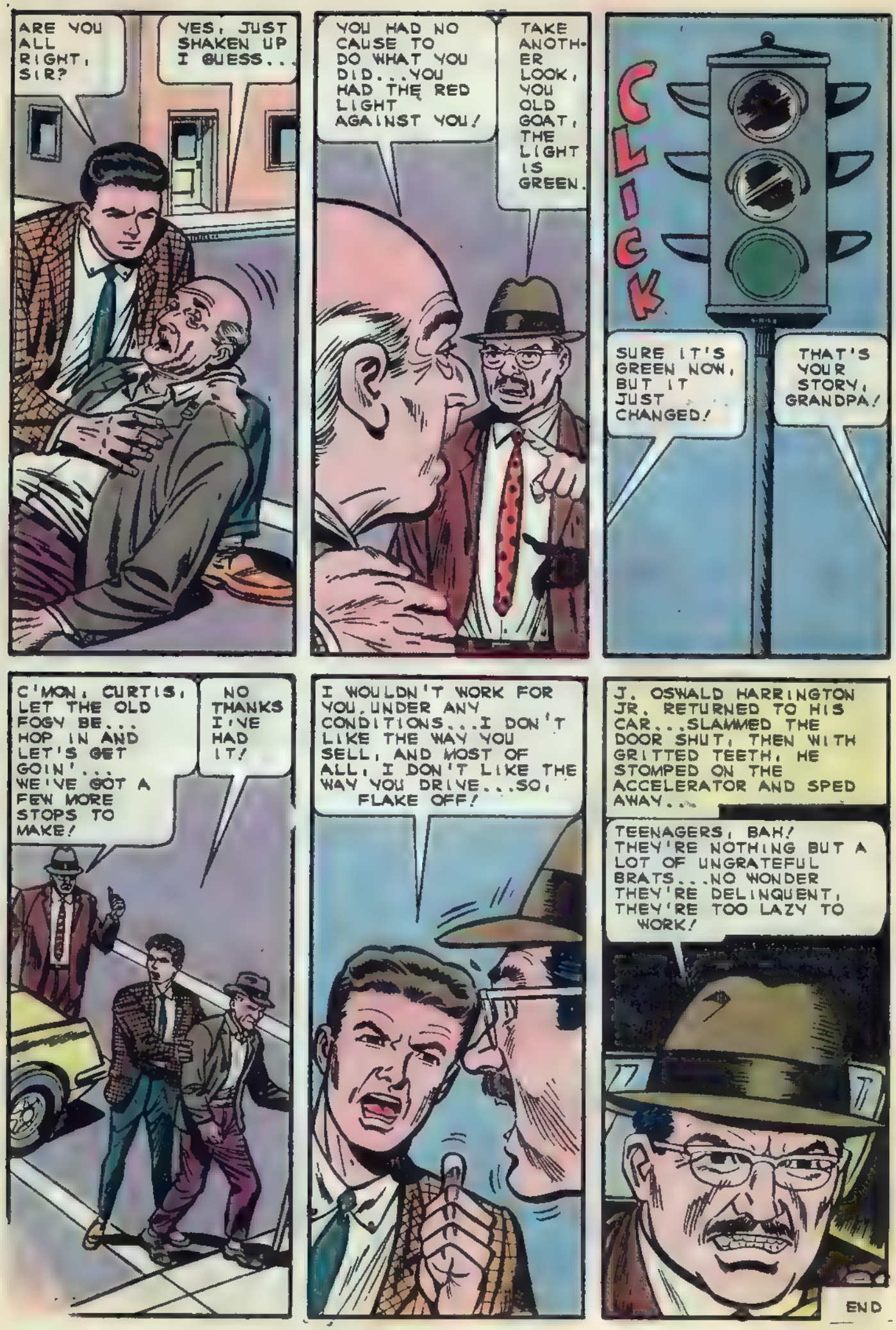

WELL, ENOUGH SAID ABOUT THAT JAZZ...TELL ME HOW'D YOU LIKE THE OLD SUPER SALESMAN IN ACTION BACK AT BENNY'S...I KNOCKED OFF SALES JUST LIKE A MACHINE GUN... BANG, BANG, BANG...
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, YOU SURE CAN SELL... BUT AS FOR ME, I THINK PERHAPS IT'S NOT THE RIGHT JOB FOR ME!
WHAT?..YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT...WHY WITH YOUR BACKGROUND YOU'RE A NATURAL FOR THIS JOB!
SIR, DON'T YOU THINK YOU'D BETTER SLOW DOWN...YOU'VE GOT THE RED LIGHT, AND THAT MAN CROSSING THE STREET!
VROOM!
U.S MAIL
DON'T WORRY, I'M STOPPING! HA HA, SHAKE A LEG, POP!
WHAT?
WHAT ARE YOU JUMPING OUT OF THE CAR FOR, CURTIS? HE'S NOT HURT, I NEVER TOUCHED HIM!


ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SIR?
YES, JUST SHAKEN UP I GUESS...
YOU HAD NO CAUSE TO DO WHAT YOU DID...YOU HAD THE RED LIGHT AGAINST YOU!
TAKE ANOTHER LOOK, YOU OLD GOAT, THE LIGHT IS GREEN.
CLICK
SURE IT'S GREEN NOW, BUT IT JUST CHANGED!
THAT'S YOUR STORY, GRANDPA!
C'MON, CURTIS, LET THE OLD FOGY BE... HOP IN AND LET'S GET GOIN'... WE'VE GOT A FEW MORE STOPS TO MAKE!
NO THANKS I'VE HAD IT!
I WOULDN'T WORK FOR YOU, UNDER ANY CONDITIONS...I DON'T LIKE THE WAY YOU SELL, AND MOST OF ALL, I DON'T LIKE THE WAY YOU DRIVE...SO, FLAKE OFF!
J. OSWALD HARRINGTON JR. RETURNED TO HIS CAR...SLAMMED THE DOOR SHUT, THEN WITH GRITTED TEETH, HE STOMPED ON THE ACCELERATOR AND SPED AWAY...
TEENAGERS, BAH! THEY'RE NOTHING BUT A LOT OF UNGRATEFUL BRATS...NO WONDER THEY'RE DELINQUENT, THEY'RE TOO LAZY TO WORK!
END

THE DECISION

THERE IS A TIME IN EVERY MAN'S LIFE THAT HE IS FACED WITH AN IMPORTANT DECISION...IF HE CHOOSES THE RIGHT WAY, IT CAN LEAD TO FAME AND FORTUNE...IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SELECTS INCORRECTLY, IT CAN LEAD TO DISMAL FAILURE...YOUNG MEL MARLIN WAS FACED WITH SUCH A DECISION, AND WHETHER HE CHOSE RIGHT OR WRONG IS FOR YOU, THE READER, TO DECIDE!

THE GRAND PRIX OF MONACO 1955...

JACK KELLER

THE DRIVER OF THE SCARLET FERRARI TRIED DESPERATELY TO OVERTAKE MEL IN HIS SPEEDING MERCEDES AS THEY RACED ALONG THE PROMENADE...

VROOM

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BUT MEL HELD ON; AND WAS FIRST TO RECEIVE THE CHECKERED FLAG...

CASTROL

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LATER, THAT SAME NIGHT, AT A MONACO CLUB, MEL RECEIVED A TOAST FROM HIS FRIENDS AND ADMIRERS...

I GIVE A TOAST TO MEL MARLIN... MAY THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON BE FILLED WITH NOTHING BUT VICTORIES, SUCH AS TODAYS'...AND MAY MEL MARLIN BE THE NEW WORLD'S CHAMPION!

THANKS, GENTLEMEN, I HARDLY KNOW WHAT TO SAY!

YOU'VE GOT A MARVELOUS FUTURE AHEAD, MEL...

YOU'RE CORNERING WAS SUPERB!

YOU OUT-DROVE THEM ALL!

YOU WERE GREAT.

MEL'S FANS HEAPED ONE PRAISE ON TOP OF THE OTHER AT THE YOUNG 21 YEAR OLD DRIVER../.IT WAS TRULY A MOMENT OF GLORY FOR MEL...THAT IS, TILL FRANK FENWICK, RACING CORRESPONDENT FOR A LARGE RACING MAGAZINE, CHIPPED IN HIS TWO CENTS...

BALDERDASH!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT, MR. FEN-WICK?
I MEAN THAT YOU DROVE A RATHER GOOD RACE TODAY, BUT NOTHING MORE...IT CERTAINLY WASN'T SENSATIONAL ...YOU HAD THE BEST CAR, YOU SHOULD HAVE WON...
LOOK, MR. FEN-WICK, IT WASN'T THAT EASY...
RUBBISH! OF COURSE IT WAS EASY... IF YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT YOU'RE A GREAT DRIVER LIKE YOUR FANS SAY YOU ARE, PROVE IT!
DRIVE AN INFERIOR CAR AND WIN...LIKE NUVALORI DID IN THE THIRTIES...THEN, I TOO, WILL TOAST TO YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS... BECAUSE IT WON'T BE JUST THE CAR THAT'S GREAT, IT'LL BE YOU, MEL...
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, MEL...
IT WAS AT THIS MOMENT THAT MEL MARLIN MADE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISIONS OF HIS LIFE...
ALL RIGHT, I'LL PROVE IT...I'LL QUIT THE MERCEDES TEAM...
DON'T BE A FOOL, MEL...
YOU'RE THROWING AWAY YOUR CAREER!
FURTHERMORE, I'LL PROVE THAT I CAN WIN IN ANY KIND OF A CAR ...I WON'T SIGN WITH ANY OTHER FACTORY TEAM, I'LL DRIVE INDEPENDENT...
NOW, YOU'RE TALKING, BOY!
THAT NIGHT MEL COULDN'T SLEEP, AND AS HE PACED THE FLOOR, HE WONDERED IF HE HAD ACTED FOOLISHLY...
I CAN DO IT, I CAN WIN WITH AN INFERIOR CAR, I KNOW I CAN... AT LEAST, I THINK I CAN...

FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON, MEL DROVE AN UNDER-POWERED MASERATI... ALTHOUGH THE CAR WAS WELL PREPARED BY MEL AND HIS FRIEND ALFIE, HE WAS CONSISTENTLY BEATEN BY THE MORE POWERFUL MERCEDES BENZ CARS...

IT'S NO USE, I'LL NEVER CATCH THE SILVER ARROWS, I'VE LOST AGAIN!

DAGENITE BATTERIES

AINTREE

Dail

1955 HAD STARTED OUT BRILLIANTLY FOR YOUNG MEL MARLIN, BUT HAD ENDED IN BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT...

DON'T WORRY, ALFIE, I'LL WIN NEXT YEAR!

SURE YOU WILL, MEL...

BUT MEL FAILED TO WIN A MAJOR RACE IN THE FOLLOWING TEN YEARS... ALTHOUGH HE OFTEN CAME CLOSE, HE ALWAYS LOST BY JUST HAVING AN UNDER-POWERED CAR, OR HAVING SOME MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION RUIN HIS CHANCES...

I'VE BLOWN THE ENGINE!

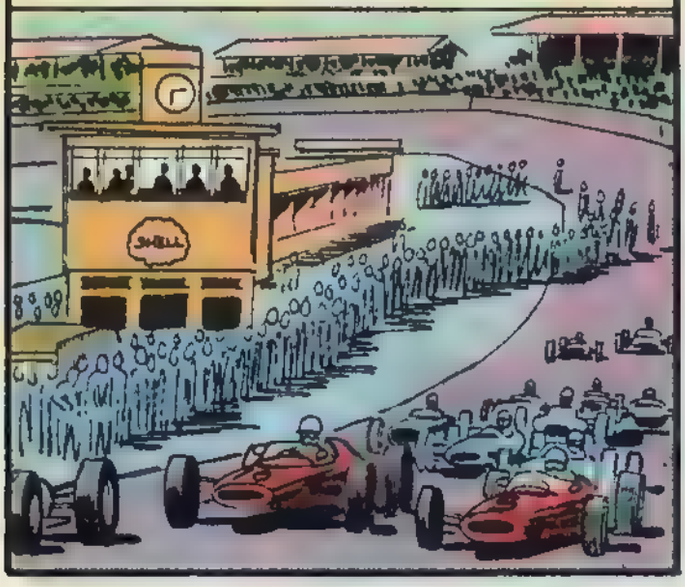
THEN, IN '65 AT BRANS HATCH, MEL CAME TO A FINAL DECISION...

IF I DON'T WIN TODAY, ALFIE, I'M THROUGH...

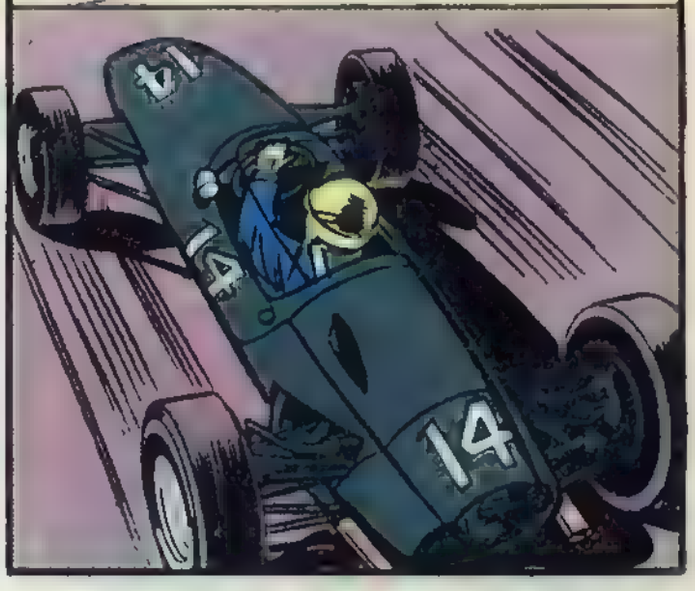
ALFIE, MY OLD LOYAL FRIEND AND MECHANIC, WITHOUT YOUR HELP I'D HAVE BEEN WASHED UP YEARS AGO...

I HAVE ONLY ONE REGRET, AND THAT IS, THAT I WAS UNABLE TO PERSUADE YOU TO REMAIN WITH THE MERCEDES TEAM BACK IN '55...

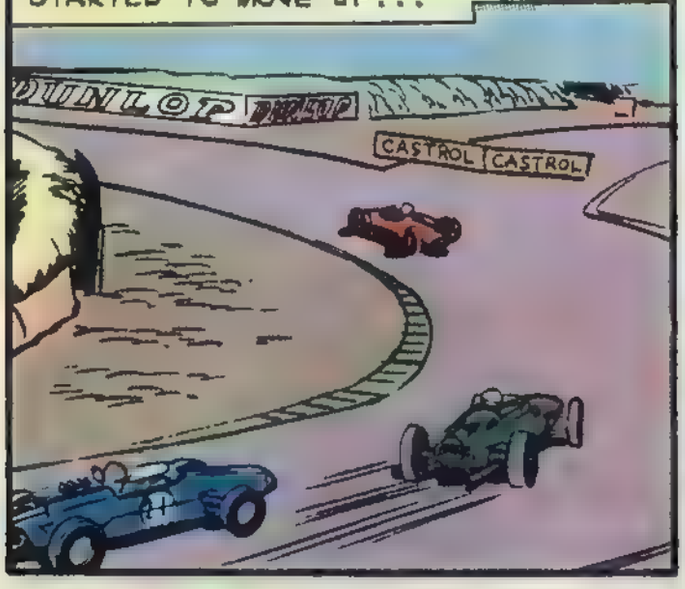
MEL WAS PLACED FAR BACK IN THE PACK AS 18 FORMULA ONE CARS HURTLED OFF THE STARTING GRID...



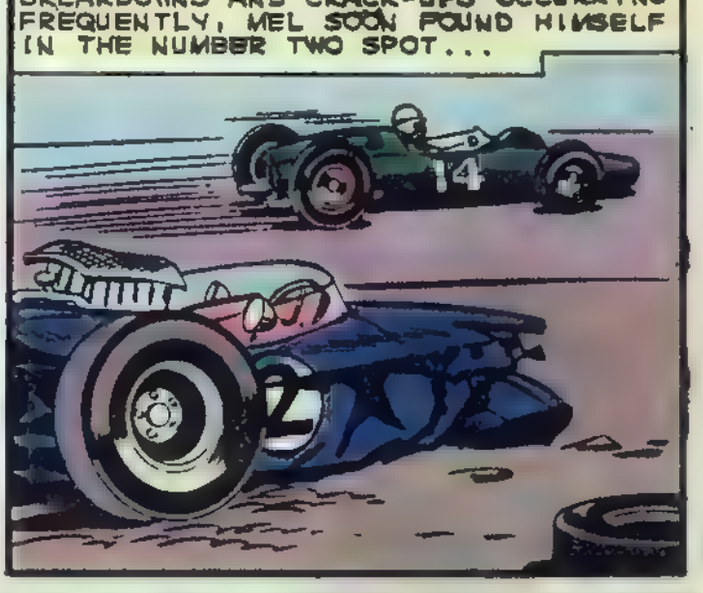
MEL'S TWO YEAR OLD BRM MONOCOQUE WASN'T THE FASTEST, BUT IT WAS RUGGED, AND HANDLED WELL...



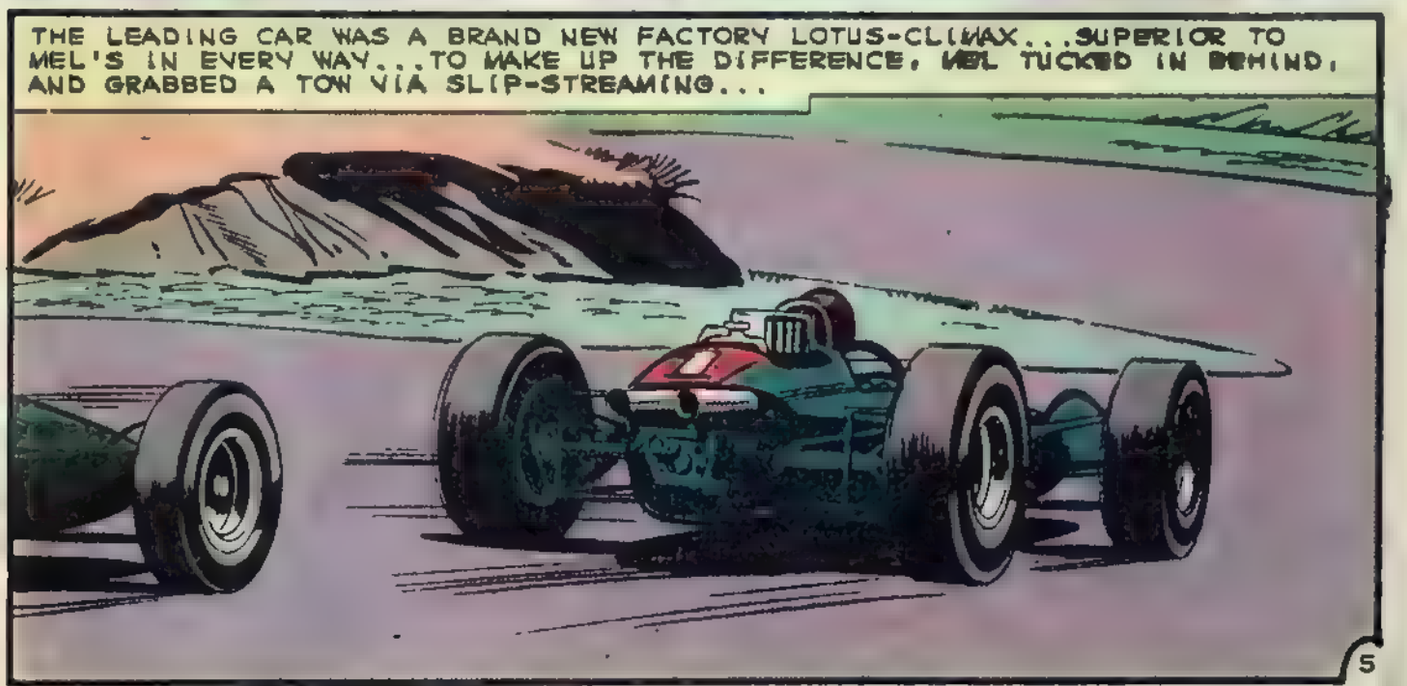
HE HELD HIS OWN THROUGHOUT THE FIRST LAP...THEN, ON LAP TWO, HE STARTED TO MOVE UP...

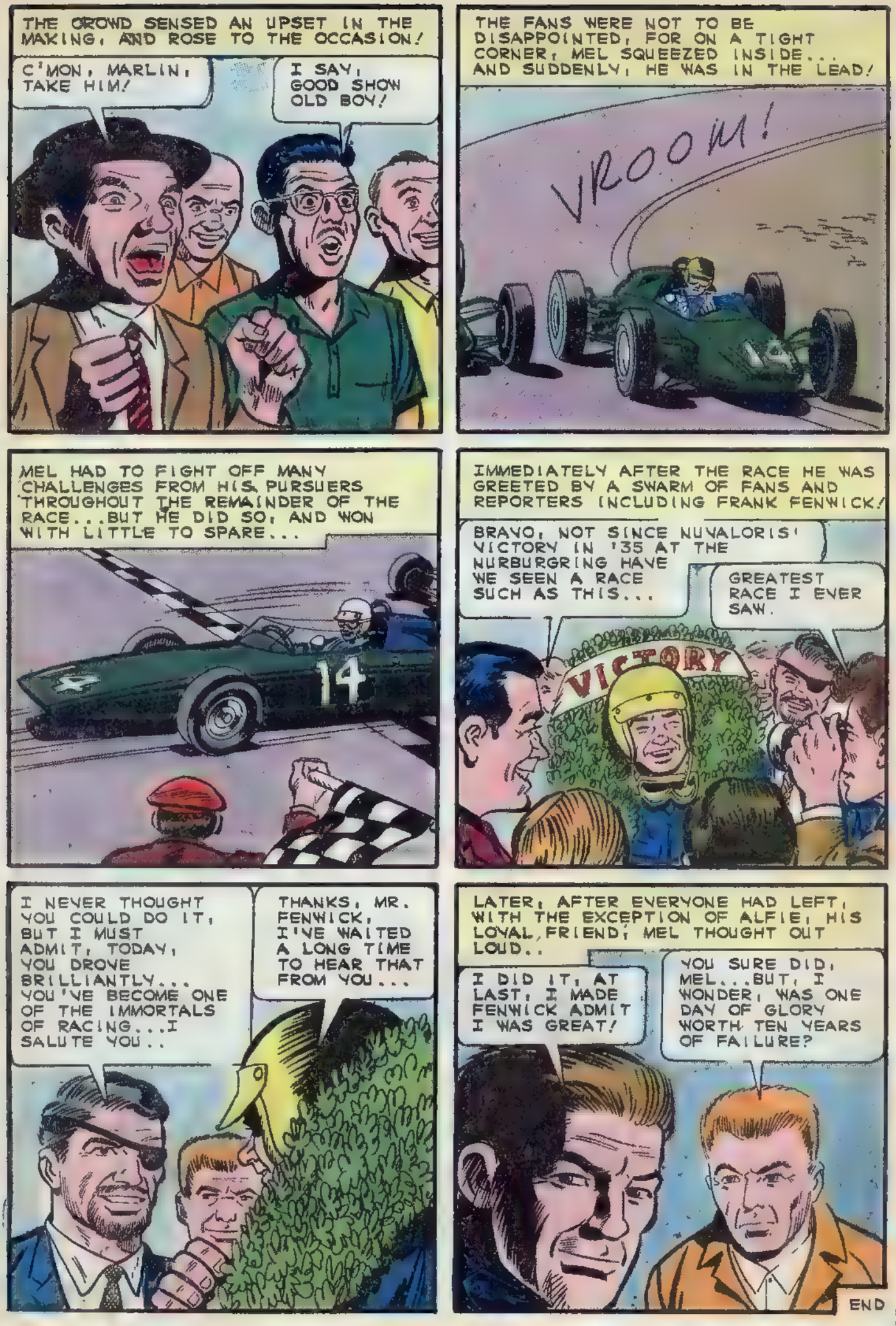


THE WINDING COURSE BEGAN TAKING IT'S TOLL...SO, WITH MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS AND CRACK-UPS OCCURRING FREQUENTLY, MEL SOON FOUND HIMSELF IN THE NUMBER TWO SPOT...



THE LEADING CAR WAS A BRAND NEW FACTORY LOTUS-CLIMAX...SUPERIOR TO MEL'S IN EVERY WAY...TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE, MEL TUCKED IN BEHIND, AND GRABBED A TOW VIA SLIP-STREAMING...




THE CROWD SENSED AN UPSET IN THE MAKING, AND ROSE TO THE OCCASION!
C'MON, MARLIN, TAKE HIM!
I SAY, GOOD SHOW OLD BOY!
THE FANS WERE NOT TO BE DISAPPOINTED, FOR ON A TIGHT CORNER, MEL SQUEEZED INSIDE... AND SUDDENLY, HE WAS IN THE LEAD!
VROOM!
MEL HAD TO FIGHT OFF MANY CHALLENGES FROM HIS PURSUERS THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF THE RACE...BUT HE DID SO, AND WON WITH LITTLE TO SPARE...
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IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE RACE HE WAS GREETED BY A SWARM OF FANS AND REPORTERS INCLUDING FRANK FENWICK!
BRAVO, NOT SINCE NUVALORIS' VICTORY IN '35 AT THE NURBURGRING HAVE WE SEEN A RACE SUCH AS THIS...
GREATEST RACE I EVER SAW.
VICTORY
I NEVER THOUGHT YOU COULD DO IT, BUT I MUST ADMIT, TODAY, YOU DROVE BRILLIANTLY... YOU'VE BECOME ONE OF THE IMMORTALS OF RACING...I SALUTE YOU..
THANKS, MR. FENWICK, I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME TO HEAR THAT FROM YOU...
LATER, AFTER EVERYONE HAD LEFT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ALFIE, HIS LOYAL FRIEND, MEL THOUGHT OUT LOUD..
I DID IT, AT LAST, I MADE FENWICK ADMIT I WAS GREAT!
YOU SURE DID, MEL...BUT, I WONDER, WAS ONE DAY OF GLORY WORTH TEN YEARS OF FAILURE?
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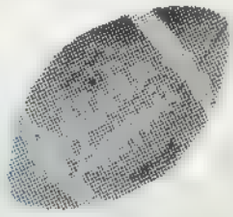

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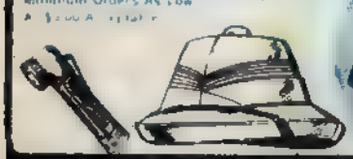

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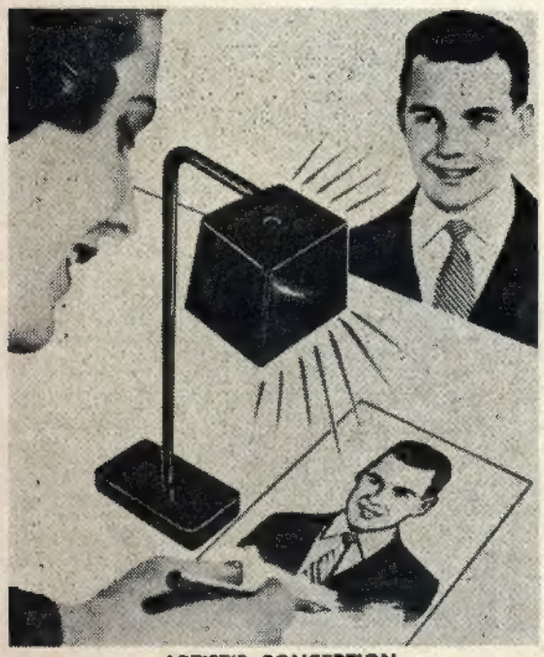

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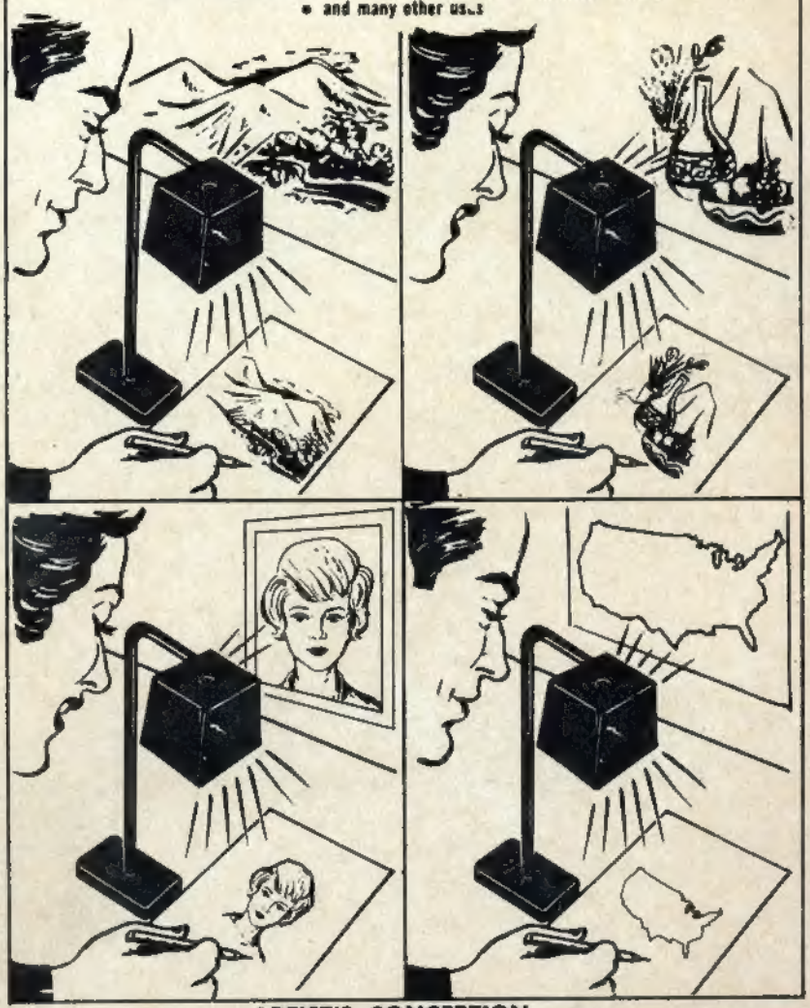

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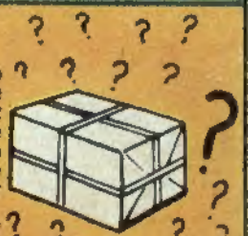

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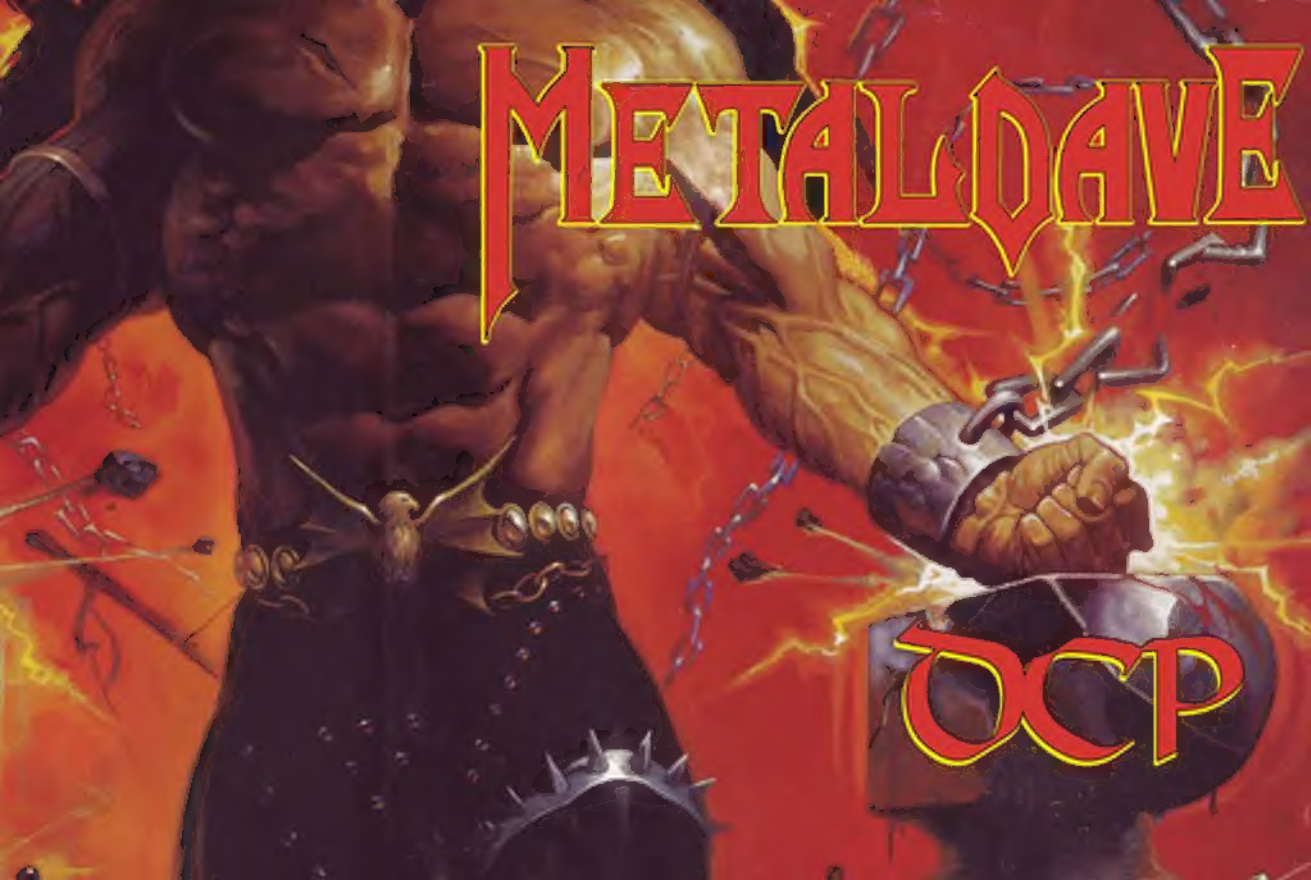
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